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Swiss reject closer EC links

Fresh blow to Major's hopes for Euro unity

By Nicholas Wood in London and George Brock IN BRUSSELS

JOHN Major's hopes of rescu-ing European unity at next weekend's Edinburgh summit were dealt another blow yesterday when Switzerland voted against closer links with the

As the prime minister and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, embarked on a final round of meetings in Euro-pean capitals aimed at brokering a deal in Edinburgh, a Swiss referendum rejected plans for a free-trade



Anthony Harris in The Times

ANTHONY Harris, nov of The Financial Times, one of the most influential and respected voices in business journalism, is to join The Times next month. At the same time William Rees-Mogg and Alexander Chancellor will arrive from The Independent. Harris will write a twice weekly column. According to the Nat-

ional Readership Survey.



Anthony Harris

average daily readership of The Times increased to 1,220,000 between August and October, up 200,000 over the average for the past twelve months. And Audit Bureau of Circulation figures show The Times at 382,000 copies a day in November - 12,000 more than The Independent.

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As the prime minister sets off on his final round of pre-Edinburgh diplomacy. steps towards enlarging the EC have suffered a blow from Swiss voters

area embracing the 12 states of the European Community

and the seven Efta countries. The vote against the European Economic Area was a particular blow for Mr Major because he has championed enlarging the Community to embrace Austria, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Switzer-land. One of his few tactical victories recently was the ac-ceptance by Germany and France that negotiations on new members could begin in the new year. Because the economic area was seen as a half-way house to full EC membership, the referendum throws Switzerland's application into doubt.

The result is also seen by diplomats as a further setback to European integration and adds to the formidable catalogue of problems piling up for Mr Major at the summit as he seeks to repair the battered reputation of the British presidency. A Scandinavian envoy whose government, like Switzerland's, has applied for EC membership, said: "This is a very bad day for Europe. It is a bitter blow for European integration as a whole."

But Tory Euro-sceptics hailed the Swiss vote last night, saying that the spectacle of another small country holding out against powerful forces would encourage the Danes to reject renewed blandishments from Brussels. "It's a good start for the week leading up to Edinburgh," one Conservative MP said.

The treaty's text includes procedures making it possible for the majority to continue if one or two states fail to ratify. Decisions to go ahead are likely to be taken in separate meetings this week by Efta ministers and the EC leaders at Edinburgh. The Swedish European affairs minister, Ulf Dinkelspiel, said: "We will have to go ahead without Switzerland."

Lichtenstein is likely to fol-low the Swiss lead and withdraw. Less predictable effects may be seen on opinion about seeking full membership of the EC in other Scandinavian and alpine states, where public sentiment has recently swung against it. Five Efta states have

applied to join the EC. Mr Major will today hold talks with Rund Lubbers, prime minister of The Netherlands, in The Hague, and with Albert Reynolds, the Irish taoiseach, in Dublin. At the top of his agenda are Britain's proposals for resolving Danish objections to the

Maastricht treaty and conflict ing formulas for an increase in

such as the bloodshed in Bosnia, French hostility to the Gatt trade deal and Commission proposals for a package to revive Europe's economies, are forcing their way onto Edinburgh's crowded timeta-ble. Mr Hurd will today start a two-day meeting of EC foreign ministers in Brussels charged with paving the way to agreements at Edinburgh.

Downing Street officials said last night that the critical "conclave" session on the second day would have to try to settle at least the substance of the Danish compromise. The more difficult question of its form - how Denmark's demand for legally binding declarations can be reconciled with the refusal of all member states to renegotiate the treaty would probably have to be left to the summit.

A critical obstacle is Spain's threat to block agreement over Denmark unless it gets more cash under the future financing proposals.

Both Downing Street and ministers were taking the prudent course of lowering expectations for the summit. But Conservative MPs were in no doubt that the difficulties were real enough. One aide said: There are so many issues and they are all so difficult, you have to be pretty downbeat about the whole thing."

Tristan Garel-Jones, the foreign office minister responsi-ble for Europe, struck an equally pessimistic note. "I remain worried about the difficulties on the Danish front," he said on London Weekend Television. "They are serious and the concerns of people like Wilfried [Wilfried Martens, the pro-Maastricht former Belgian prime minis-

ter are serious. "Future financing we're a long way apart on, and then the text on subsidiarity, the text on openness, whether we will be able to move to enlargement or or not — it will be a very difficult exercise indeed. But what I think will underlie the discussions is whether we can afford to fail ... and that

might get us through." Sir Leon Brittan, Britain's senior EC commissioner, injected a more optimistic note. He said on BBC television that the task of bargaining was "not easy, but not impossible".

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Shrine siege: militant Hindus on one dome before razing the mosque

Clinton denies snubbing No 10 over aid to Bush

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent and Martin Fletcher

BILL Clinton, the US president-elect, acted quickly last night to smuff out talk of strains in Anglo-American relations after postponing a meeting with John Major during the prime minister's Washington visit this month.

Mr Clinton went out of his way to deny any snub was intended. Downing Street officials said that with domestic matters his chief concern, the president-elect had decided to see no foreign leaders at this stage. The prime minister was told towards the end of

last week. As Labour tried to exploit the situation, Mr Clinton sent a message of goodwill which Leading article, page 15 emphasised the value he

placed on the special relationship, and said he hoped Mr Major would understand his reasons for postponing a meeting until after his inaugura-

tion on January 20. Clinton aides said that the decision about the meeting predated weekend reports about assistance given by the Conservatives to President Bush's campaign. The Clinton camp's irritation was magnified by confirmation that the Home Office searched its files for information on Mr Clinton's student days at Oxford.

Labour seized on the disclosures to accuse Mr Major of "fouling up" relations with Mr Clinton. Jack Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary.

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said that advice given by the Conservative Central Office "dirty tricks" department had backfired on the prime minister. "It's difficult to imagine a more disastrous start to relations with the new American president than this for Mr

Major," he said. However, Downing Street denied any rift and Whitehall officials maintained there was nothing improper about the Home Office checks on Mr Clinton. The Home Office searched its immigration and naturalisation files in October to see if Mr Clinton, when an Oxford student in the late Continued on page 2, col 5

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Afternoon fixture for princess

BY ALAN HAMILTON

riage to Commander Timothy Laurence will take place in Crathie church next to Balmoral at 3pm on Saturday afternoon. The couple's hopes of keeping their wedding THIA SCH 22. BELGIUM B FRS 50.
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Such was the couple's desire for discretion that they did not even observe the normal Scottish legal requirement to post notice of a marriage at the nearest register office. The palace claimed last night that no law had been broken, but that the Lord Chancellor, Lord

THE Princess Royal's mar- Mackay of Clashfern, had exercised his power to waive the regulation. The Queen's only daughter,

42, and Commander Laurence, 37, chose the date because the Queen, the Princess Royal and other members of the royal family were scheduled to be in Scotland on Friday. They are to host a dinner on board the royal yacht Britannia for European heads of state.

Saturday's wedding cere mony will be simple and private. Only about 30 guests have been invited. The Duchess of York is not expected to be among them.

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Employers exaggerate threat of redundancies

By ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

EMPLOYERS are exaggerating the threat of job losses The thousands of apparent redundancies being an-nounced almost daily by leadfaced by their workers in their ing companies and nationalannouncements of redundanised industries are believed to cies, in order to impress be depressing consumer con-fidence and stifling hopes of shareholders and to take advantage of a loophole in economic recovery. The wideaccounting practice that is ly-publicised headline figures, such as last week's 16,000 job losses at the Post Office or the due to be closed next June. According to UBS Phillips & Drew, the City stockbroker. 3.500 cuts at the Royal Bank which has kept a running tally of Scotland in mid-November, of redundancy announcealso give a misleading impresments, there is no close corresion of the number of jobs lation between the headline figures in redundancy auactually being lost.

Many of the redundancy announcements in recent Continued on page 2, col 7

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India plunged into religious turmoil by Hindu zealots

INDIA has been thrown into a state of crisis, and appeared set on a course of religious thousands of Hindu zealots tore down an ancient mosque in the holy city of Ayodhya with their bare hands

CRASH DOWN AS CROWDS CHEER

yesterday.

The three domes of the mosque crashed to the ground to the roars of one by one, to the roars of triumph from 200,000 devotees. Lines of police faded away at the first hint of trouble, leaving no doubt where the sympathies of the predominantly Hindu force lay. The police watched passively as holes were smashed into the mosque walls, leaving a shell standing amid tons of rubble. The Central Reserve Police Force, a paramilitary unit, which had supposedly been sent to save the building. was nowhere to be seen.

The assault has undermined the authority of the government of P V Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, who promised Muslim leaders repeatedly that he would protect the building. In a national television broadcast last night, Mr Rao said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was guilty of a great betrayal. "What happened today is a matter of great concern and shame for all Indians," Mr Rao said. "We shall not spare any action at this grave mo-ment of crisis."

Last night Kalayan Singh, chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, resigned saying he ac-cepted moral responsibility for the destruction of the mosque. Until his resignation the state was run by the hardline Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). which was behind yesterday's

chaos. The dismissal of the Uttar Pradesh government would have far-reaching consequences. With 120 million people, it is the most populous state and the most politically important For India's 120 million Muslims, the events were a calculated insult. Islamic extremists groups had threatened a retaliation if the

Ayodhya structure was besieged.

The immediate winner of yesterday's fiasco is the BJP. But it stands as a discredited organisation among moderate Hindus, which will make it all but impossible for the party to achieve its aim of moving towards the political centre to broaden its appeal.

Tens of thousands of Kar

Sevals (holy workers) were to have performed a simple ceremony on land alongside the mosque to symbolise the construction of a temple. Astrologers deemed that the propitious time to begin was 12.15pm. A few minutes before that a lone man dambered on top of one of the domes. A cheer went up. Ther. more climbed up, using grappling hooks. By 12.15pm scores of men were digging at the masonry with picks.

The mosque has been used by Hindus since partition in 1947. Hindu idols were installed in 1948. They were carried out piously yesterday to allow the inside of the mosque to be gutted. The mobs became hostile towards press and television journalists. Peter Heinlein, Delhi correspondent of Voice of America, was hit over the head

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'Animal rights' gang shoot at police

Armed police swooped on villages in Lincolnshire yesterday after shots were fired at officers pursuing men in a stolen car. A police helicopter with heat-seeking equipment was used in the manhunt for possibly three men around the area

Several villages were surrounded by officers after the Ford Escort, believed stolen from South Yorkshire, was found abandoned in a ditch, police said. The men were disturbed by two officers at 4am at a pig farm at Newton on Trent. After a high-speed chase along country lanes the car stopped at the village of Fenton and several shots were fired at the

pursuing officers. The men continued their getaway and the car was found abandoned in a ditch near the A156.

Police said it was not believed there was any terrorist connection and information indicated animal rights activists might be involved. Two pigs were found shot dead and a third was injured on the farm where the men were disturbed. The getaway car was almost submerged after crashing off an icy road into a water-filled dyke. "We are looking for two rather bedraggled young men who may be wet from being in that ditch," police said.

Baby stories swap urged

Two mothers whose babies were inadvertently swapped in a maternity ward would be helped if they could exchange stories about their infants' first few days of life, the National Childbirth Trust said. The mothers will need extensive personal counselling to overcome the trauma of being separated from their babies for 12 days after the incident at the Princess Anne maternity hospital in Southampton. Suzanne Dobson, director of the trust, said: "They will have to get to know their babies all over again."

Childcare staff warning

The government is to order greater care in choosing staff for children's homes, after a damning report showing councils are not thoroughly checking employees' backgrounds. A letter is to be sent to local authorities this week demanding an end to sloppy recruitment policies. Ministers are said to be disturbed by the findings of the Warner enquiry, set up after the Frank Beck scandal in Leicestershire, and published in full today. The 200-page report shows that only a handful of local authorities thoroughly vet staff.

Irish on the move

Many Irish families could leave Britain next year to return to their homeland under a government scheme that will pay council tenants up to £20,000 to move out of their homes. The aim is to release more accommodation for homeless families. Stan Quirry, director of the Irish Advisory Service in northwest London, said Irish immigrants were showing great interest in the house-purchase grant. "We staged a special conference recently and 1,000 people turned up, from which there were 450 enquiries."

Details of wanted man

Hampshire police have released details of a man they want to question in connection with an attack on a widower aged 80. Leonard Perkes has now gone to stay with his daughter at her home in Basingstoke after he was discharged from hospital. Police say the man is 5ft 9m, in his mid to late 20s. and wore a cream padded coat zipped at the front. He had a long fringe parted on the left side with sideburns which came down to as far as his mouth and over his upper lip. He had a fattish face and wore blue jeans.



Guns on the street: an armed officer stands by as City of London police search a vehicle stopped at a checkpoint yesterday afternoon

Briton appeals over public flogging sentence for swearing

alleged irregularities connect-

ed with the stores department

two weeks after taking up his

post with the British-run hos-

pital in February. According

to another doctor who met Mr

Brown during a visit to the

hospital recently, it had been a

minor affair and everyone was

arrested by the religious police

A BRITISH hospital manager working in Saudi Arabia. who faces a medieval-style public flogging for swearing at his staff, is to appeal against the sentence imposed by a religious court. David Brown, 32, was sen-

tenced to 50 lashes with a bamboo cane despite apologising for his words during an argument at the King Khaled National Guard Hospital, 12 miles outside Jedda. Last night, despite his pleas for no publicity, he was at the centre of what could emerge as a big

Officially the Foreign Office is saying that there will be no intervention as the matter

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relates to internal laws in and charged with defamation. Russell Hopkins, a surgeon at the University of Wales hospi-Saudi Arabia. But there were calls from Bob Cryer, Labour MP for Bradford South, for tal and chairman of the Welsh branch of the British Medical stronger representations to Association, said yesterday prevent "a barbaric medieval" punishment" being inflicted for what appears to have been a trivial offence. that the swearing happened when Mr Brown was explaining to two Saudi staff mem-Mr Brown was discussing bers what others were saying

about the department. "He admits he said there were people out there who looked at the stores department as a lot of f**ing idle bastards. He then said that was not the case. He didn't actually refer to any individuals. He spoke in a generic way about what people were alleging," Mr Russell said.

The two staff concerned complained about the incident gation Mr Brown apologised. "He understood the matter was at an end and was extremely surprised when he ended up in court," he added. British consul staff and a

local lawyer have assisted Mr Brown at three court hearings so far. A spokeswoman at the Foreign Office said that no further details would be given as Mr Brown had requested

no publicity.

But Mr Cryer said there was no reason why more could not be done. The Foreign Office should make strong representations to halt this barbaric medieval punishment. If they follow their usual form they will do nothing, because they are prepared to accept medieval barbarity rather than strain trade relations."

It is not clear how much pressure will be brought to bear on the Saudi authorities. Appeals in the past by British citizens sentenced to floggings for breaking the strict Saudi alcohol laws have not succeeded. It is likely that the consul department will seek a private meeting with officials and ask that the whole matter be quietly dropped.

Poll shows hint of economic optimism

By Peter Riddell, political editor

THE British public has be-come slightly less pessimistic about the economic outlook over the next year, though dissatisfaction with the government and with John Major as prime minister remains very high.

The latest Mori poll for Times Newspapers shows that the net balance expecting the economy to improve rather than get worse has shifted from 46 points at the end of October to -34 points now. This follows the Autumn Statement in the middle of the month and is around the levels of August and

Mori also asked about people's Christmas spending plans. Just 18 per cent said they would spend more than last year, and 41 per cent less, with the balance saying they would spend the same. The groups with the smallest percentages saying they would spend more were 45 to 54year- olds, those living in London and those with mortgages (despite the fall in nterest rates).

By contrast, the groups with the highest proportions planning to spend more than last year are 18 to 34-year-olds, those living in Scotland and northern England, council tenants and the single. In all cases, a larger proportion in-tend to spend less than last

These findings tie in with voting intention figures which indicate a sharp fall in Tory support in recent months

from Major's troubles



Smith: limited benefit

among 33 to 54 year olds and in southern England. Conser-vative support now stands at 34 per cent, down a point on the month and down nine points since the April general election. By contrast, the Labour party's rating has risen by two points on the month, and by 12 months since April, to 47 per cent. Liberal Democrat support, at 15 per cent, is three points lower than in April. The rating of the govern-ment and of Mr Major has

improved slightly, though only by comparison with the very low levels of a month earlier. The government's rat-ing (satisfied less dissatisfied) stands at -70 points, against -75 points previously. Mr Major's rating is -44 points, compared with -51 points.

John Smith has so far only benefited to a limited extent from the government's troubles. His net favourable rating has slipped over the past month from +16 points to +12.

By contrast, Paddy Ashdown appears to have suffered from his decision to back the government over the big European debate in the Commons on November 4. His rating has fallen from the +20 points of the August to October period to +7 points.

Mori interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,744 adults aged 18 plus at 141 sampling points throughout Great Britain between November 27 and December 1. O Mori/Times Newspapers



Ashdown: standing with public has suffered

Police put armed officers on roadblocks

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Belfast-style checkpoints are being deployed on the mainland to counter the IRA's bombing threat

> By Richard Ford HOME CORRESPONDENT

ARMED police are operating random roadblocks across London in a high-profile offensive by Scotland Yard and the City of London police to combat the IRA's bombins

In a change of tactics, senior officers have publicly announced that task forces of 45 officers have stopped vehinearly 20 occasions in east

But police said last night that the roadblocks would not become a permanent feature of the capital's roads and that sessed on a day-to-day basis. The offensive in east

London, known as Operation Rolling Rock, is a significant extension of a strategy, developed in Northern Ireland that has been deployed with little publicity around Westminster and the West End since the IRA mortar attack on 10 Downing Street in February 1991.

This weekend, officers from the City of London police set up a roadblock on Lower Thames Street, EC3, and intercepted traffic heading towards the West End. Armed officers wearing body armour questioned drivers and searched their vehicles. Blackclad firearms experts carrying Steyer semi-automatic carbines stood by in case of trouble.

A spokesman said that additional security cameras had been put on buildings and at key sites in the City. Peter Turner, a computer installations manager from Lower Earley near Reading Berkshire, said after being stopped: "I think it is good, I just hope that it will happen more. I have been in and out of Belfast and the security

there is a reassurance. By publicly disclosing that armed officers are operating in east London, the police clearly intend to reassure the public that efforts are being made to defeat the bombers, and will also hope to deter the IRA from attempting to bring more explosives into the capital. The terrorists might, however, switch to provincial

Superintendent Bob Keeble said: Terrorists have to move about and transfer their weapons from location to location. The presence of this type of roadblock should have a deterrent effect as they run a risk of being detected." Scotland Yard said yester-

day that 83 vehicles had been stopped in two nights of the operation and three people had been arrested for posses-sion of cannabis. There were no arrests or seizures in relation to terrorist offences. Similar tactics are used in Northern Ireland, where last year the Royal Ulster Constabulary set up checkpoints on main routes into Belfast after a series of large car

bombs and hoax calls. The problem for the security forces, however, is that such tactics involve a great deal of manpower and may irritate the public.

Clinton denies snub to Major over Bush

Continued from page 1 1960s, had applied for British citizenship to avoid the draft during the Vietnam war. Nothing was found. Whitehall said the records were checked in response to questions from journalists, and not at the behest of the White House or the Republican party.

The government had been angling for a meeting with Mr Clinton during the prime minister's visit for the biannual US-EC summit, but sources said the two sides had agreed last Thursday to delay the meeting. That was two days before the story appeared.

Had Mr Clinton agreed to meet Mr Major, he would have come under intense pressure to see Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor and Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, before his inauguration.

The arrival of several Conservative Central Office officials to help Mr Bush during the presidential campaign was widely reported in the Ameri-can media, and they helped

the president hone his most potent attacks on Mr Clinton. Moreover, State Department officials were scouring their passport files for damag-ing information on Mr Clinton at about the same time that the Home Office was checking its archives. Sherman Funk, the department's inspector general, said that its staff and records had been improperly used in an attempt to influence the outcome of a presidential election". He is investigating whether the

White House was involved. Dr Cunningham said: "The consequence of this is that John Major has fouled up relations with the new US president. That's bad for Britain and the fact that he has fouled up is confirmed by the president-elect's refusal to

meet him." The focus of Mr Major's visit now will be the US-EC summit and a personal fare-well to President Bush.

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Redundancy threat exaggerated by firms

Continued from page I weeks have lumped together firm plans to lay off relatively small numbers of workers immediately with hazy projections about the effects of labour-saving automation and corporate restructurings in the very long term. Interviews with accountants, company chairmen and City analysts affirm that corporate managers are under pressure to emphasise and at times exaggerate plans to cut employment, recognising that some of the job cuts announced may never transpire.

Corporate managers have been emphasising their redundancy plans for three rea-sons. First, according to several company chairmen, there is now a cult of management machismo that equates sackings with effective management. Second, shareholders have been reacting favourably to firms that announce redundancies. According to one City banker, companies that have had to cut or hold dividends are under particular

pressure to "show they are sharing the pain between workers and shareholders". However a third, previously unreported factor may currently be even more important. New accounting stan-dards that come into effect in June will remove, the big financial incentive that now exists for companies to make long-term redundancy announcements, even if the jobs in question are not in the end lost. At present the full cost of a redundancy programme can often be deducted in one charge from a company's capi tal, while the benefits accrue gradually to profits, swelling reported earnings and permitting dividends to rise From June 23, under a new financial reporting standard, companies will not be able to do this. There is therefore an incentive for companies that have not yet adopted the new standard to announce before June any redundancies they might be contemplating.

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Presbyterian service will be in stark contrast to the pomp and ceremony of Westminster Abbey

Discreet finale puts seal on an undercover relationship

By ALAN HAMILTON

WHAT would otherwise have been an exceedingly discreet courtship between the Princess Royal and Commander Timothy Laurence was blown out of the water at an early stage by the kind of mine that lurks beneath the keel of every undercover romance.

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In April 1989, intimate letters from the commander to the princess were spirited from her briefcase into the eager hands of the tabloid press. Buckingham Palace was cornered into naming their author when it learnt that the tabloids were about to name the wrong man. It was a moment of high embarrass-ment for all concerned; the princess was still nominally married to, and living with, Captain Mark Phillips, although in retrospect that union now appears to have been to all intents and purposes dead for some time.

Four months later, in announcing the legal separation

of the princess and Captain Phillips, the palace was at pains to stress that the decision had been taken well before the discovery of the billets dour. Commander Laurence, a

single, presentable, well-man-nered, career naval officer with excellent promotion prospects, came to the notice of the princess when he was posted to Buckingham Palace in 1986 as an equerry to the Queen, a position filled in rotation by officers from all three armed services. He assumed a high profile in the job after the death of another equerry, Major Hugh Lind-say, in an avalanche while sking with the Prince of

Wales at Klosters. In 1989, he returned to more mundane naval duties, eventually gaining his first command, of HMS Boxer. He has since, in the normal cycle of service life, been posted ashore to a desk job at the

defence ministry in London. Since the unfortunate affair of the stolen letters, Commander Laurence has conducted himself with commendable discretion, a fact that will have endeared him to the Queen. Reporters who knocked on the door of his modest terraced house in Winchester, Hampshire, were given polite but firm "no comments". Decorum demanded that there be no public display of a relationship until the princess's divorce from Captain Phillips went through the courts earlier this

But discretion fights an uphill battle with the telephoto lens. The couple were spotted sailing in the princess's new yacht Doublet, and it became known that the commander had been a guest at Balmoral and Sandringham, initially signs of test rather than

hoisted. The commander escorted the princess to the Royal Caledonian Ball last spring and they allowed themselves to be photographed in the throes of an eightsome reel. The princess's expression, a happier one than she had worn in public for years, was a barely concealed coded announcement of her intentions.

The princess has found a discreet and private partner, but one who is said by friends to be deeper and more cere-bral that Captain Phillips. The princess's well-deserved reputation for hard work has been seen in the past as an antidote to a first marriage which she found unfulfilling.

The couple are expected to live at Gatcombe Park, the house and estate bought by the Queen for £500,000 as a wedding present for her daughter in 1973, with its adjoining farm to give Cap-tain Phillips an interest and a living. The princess will undoubtedly continue her active public life and Commander Laurence will act as her escort whenever the occasion demands. He is said to have an easy and happy relationship with the princess's two children, Peter, 15, and Zara, 11.

Her second wedding will be in stark contrast to her first. Instead of a glittering theatri-cal tableau in Westminster Abbey in 1973, televised around the world as a show-piece of British monarchical pomp and tradition, she will experience the sterner atmosphere of the Kirk. Crathie is a small, pleasant but plain country church in the Scottish presbyterian tradition that has no truck with frills, ornament

or any whiff of idolatory. The wedding will be private, with only 30 guests, and an expected media scrummage kept well back on the opposite side of the road. That it is happening at all is a signifi-cant milestone in the changing moral perceptions of the royal family and the nation.



A private romance: Commander Laurence, top right, endeared himself to the Queen, pictured yesterday, by his discretion. They will be married at Crathie Church, near Balmoral. The coded sign of the couple's intentions came at a Highland ball, left, last year

one so close to the throne divorced and remarried. Edward VIII was obliged to abdicate in 1936 because the

prime minister, Stanley Bal-dwin, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cosmo Gordon Lang, were firmly of the view that the populace would not countenance, the twice-di-vorced Wallis Simpson as queen. The view persisted into the 1950s when Princess Margaret fell deeply in love with the divorced royal equer-ry Group Captain Peter Townsend, Again, the guard-ians of public morality pro-nounced it unthinkable that the queen's sister should take a tainted husband.

Morality, however, is not entirely dead and buried. The Church of England officially still frowns on marrying divorced persons, although many an individual parish priest is happy to do so. The problem for the princess is that her mother is the church's supreme governor, and for have taken place under the Anglican rite, with the supreme governor in the front pew, would have looked too much like a seal of approval.

No such difficulty troubles the Church of Scotland. Blessed with having no episcopal hierarchy to trim the sails of its ministers, it has for years taken a more liberal approach to second marriages and tends to leave the decision to the discretion of individual clergy.

An alternative for the prin-cess and Commander Laurence would have been a civil ceremony, but only north of the border. The Royal Marriages Act of 1772 debars a child of the sovereign from a civil wedding, as does a piece of Victorian legislation which forbids any member of the royal family from marrying in a register office in England and Wales. The clause was inserted, apparently, because no one ever dreamt that a

royal personage could conceiv-ably want to do such a thing. When Prince Michael of

Kent married Marie Christine von Reibnitz, a Roman Catholic divorcee, their union was sealed at a civil ceremony in Vienna. They subsequently had an informal blessing from the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume. The

prince, by marrying a Catholic, lost his admittedly lowly place in line of succession. The Princess Royal, currently eighth in line, will not.

Scotland is another country where the law relating to civil marriages is distinctly differ-

Duke and Duchess of Kent, married Sylvana Tomaselli, another Catholic divorcee, at a register office in Edinburgh to circumvent the strictures of English church and law.

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A KIRKS ROLE

Couple will vow love and loyalty

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday welcomed the announcement that the Princess Royal and Commander Timothy Laurence were to marry. Dr George Carey, who is in Sri Lanka, said he "responded warmly" to the news. He wished them "every happiness and fulfilment in their marriage" and said they, and Peter and Zara, were in

his prayers. The liturgy for the wedding will be based on one of two alternatives in the Church of Scotland's Book of Common Order. The Rev Keith Angus, Church of Scotland minister in Crathie. is known locally to prefer the traditional 1940

wedding liturgy to the revised 1979 version.

The Princess Royal and Commander Laurence will yow to be "loving faithful and loyal ... until God shall separate us by death." They will exchange rings and say some set prayers, but the precise form of the service will be decided only after discus-sions with the minister. The Princess Royal will not prom-

ise to obey her new husband. The Church of Scotland has allowed the remarriage of divorced people who have living partners since 1959. The proclamation of banns was abolished in 1978 al-though under the 1977 Marriage (Scotland) Act, a mar-riage schedule, with birth dates and other details, has to be with the local registrar two weeks before the wedding.

Molly Croll, the registrar in Ballater, has not yet received a schedule but the same act allows the registrar general, Dr Charles Glennie, to make exceptions. Dr Glennie has not yet been asked to make such an exception because no schedule has been submitted, but he is understood to have been consulted. Mrs Croll is expected to receive the schedule early this week.

Rarely since Henry VIII has A miraculous but hard-earned transformation of image

By Tom Corby, pormer press association court correspondent



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Phillips: confounded his 'Fog' nickname

Break-up exacted heavy toll

MARK Phillips has faced rough times with remarkable dignity since the col-lapse of his marriage to the Princess Royal. The man the Windsors nicknamed Fog has shown himself neither thick nor wet, but a fighter determined to retrieve the good times.

Neither before nor since the divorce has he spoken

PHILIPS

of his marital or money troubles, though the breakup and the recession took a severe toll. In April he sold his controlling stake in the Gleneagles equestrian centre in Scotland. Last year, sponsors withdrew from his British Open Horse Championships at Garcombe Park because the princess was no longer

Captain Phillips has worked hard carving out a living giving equestrian lecture tours and clinics. THE Princess Royal and Commander Timothy Laurence must have guifawed yesterday when they read some of the more sugary reportage of their forthcoming wedding.

The princess and her husbands to be who will marry at

band-to-be, who will marry at Crathie church, close to Balmoral Castle, next Saturday, were doubtless equally amused by the suggestion that the second marriage of one of the most hard working members of the royal family would be the salvation of the House of Windsor. That it comes at the end of

what the Queen described as her annus horribilis is a borus for the headline writers, but the princess would have paid scant attention to the needs of the press corps in

setting the date.

Practicality, as always, would have been her aim. She is carrying out official engagements in Edinburgh and Clackmannan on Friday, and that night the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh host a dinner for the heads of state and ministers attending the EC summit in Edinburgh. The Prince and Princess of Wales will also attend the dinner. One can almost hear the Princess Royal saying. "The sensible thing would be for us to marry while you are all up

The 42-year-old princess has a love-hate relationship with the media, regarding it as a necessary intrusion which might, or might not, publicise her growing portfolio of charity work. Two years ago I travelled 7,500 miles across the former Soviet Union with her. The press party was sparse after Mos-

cow, two or three at most, and not once did we merit even "good morning" from the princess. Finally our oversensitive little band got the message: she was there to work and so were we. Facile courtesies were therefore be-

side the point.
A few weeks later I interviewed her at Buckingham Palace about her involvement in Victim Support, which helps people who have been the target of crime, and the Butler Trust, an organisation concerned with the welfare of prison workers. She could not

have been more charming, or more forthcoming, punctuat-ing our conversation wih ironic wit, anecdotes and lots of good information . . . and this at the end of a day when she had carried out four public engagements and was about to attend a fifth that evening. The days of "Princess Naff Off" have long gone and the headlines now tend to proclaim her as "Princess Caring". If she cares at all about her press coverage, and all the indications are that she does not, I suspect she would find this other extreme epi-

thet irritating. Next to the Queen, the Princess Royal is statistically the most hard-working member of the royal family, under-taking as many as 50 public engagements 2 month. She 332 engagements in Britain and 241 abroad.

has always believed that the royals should earn their keep and during 1991 carried out

The princess has visited more than 70 countries and much of this travel has been as president of Save The Children since 1970. She is formidably well informed and obviously speaks with firsthand experience when advocating the charity's work.

It was through this role, without any prompting from her or her staff, that the princess's media rehabilitation began. At last newspapers woke up to her true worth. As she wryty commented on her return from her first marathon tour of eight countries in three weeks "I did notice my miraculous transormation."

The princess is patron or president of 100 other organisations and her interest in them takes her all over Britain. In 1987, in recognition of her role, the Queen made her Princess Royal, a title held by only six previous British princesses, the last being Mary. Countess of Harewood, only daughter of King George V

and Queen Mary.
I was in Buckingham Palace the day the announcement was made and asked, through the press office there, if the princess would comment. I cannot recall her exact response, only its laconicism. Beneath her rather severe

hair style, the princess is funny and warm when encountered face to face. She is also down to earth with an independent spirit, and I cannot imagine her second marriage changing her She will not. I expect, reduce her workload and will continue the same quick-witted, some-times sharp, public style we have become accustomed to. Would we now want her to be anything other than her real

ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES SEND THEIR MESSAGE OF GREEK MACEDONIA

It is true that when ordinary people refer to Greek antiquity, they usually have in mind ancient cities that had played an important role in the growth of civilization from prehistorical up to the classical period. Among them, Athens, Thebes, Corinth, Sparta, Olympia and other citystates of the southern part of Greece, the Aegean islands, Crete, Cyprus, west Asia Minor and even south of Italy, the very well known "Magna Grecia" are among the prevailing ones. On the contrary Macedonia's history comes into existence since the glorious reign of King Philip, his son Alexander the Great, and his generals who ruled over the remains of the late Persian empire, creating the very well known and so important Greek centers of civilization of Alexandria, Pergamos, Antioch of Messopotamia. Nevertheless, Macedonia's previous history remains quite obscure to common people.

However, archaeological excavations

during the last twenty years brought to light hundreds of ancient Greek cities, temples, palaces, theaters and tombs, one of which is the famous tomb of King Philip, and treasures of an exquisite workmanship and design. Chronologically, they cover the most important periods of the Greek history from the Mycenaean up to the classical times. Their number increases in such a manner, that in the years to come, they will very probably exceed those of the southern part of the country, which was wrongly considered to constitute the main body of Greek antiquity. Therefore, when talking of ancient Greece, one must have in mind its northern part as well, i.e.

The bronze crater of Derveni

Amongst the most important finds are the bronze crater and several other bronze vases with an attractive golden appearance. They were discovered near Thessaloniki, capital of Macedonia in 1969. They are ascribed to the 4th century B.C., a period during which metal working technique in Greece had reached an amazingly high standard of perfection.

The large crater, a unique masterpiece of ancient Greek art and technology, has a 90 cm height, and an approximate mass of 40 kg. The base, the four statuents, which lie on the crater's shoulder, and the two heavy handles are cast, while the whole main body with the fine relief decorations



Its golden colour, which led archaeologists to believe that it was gold plated, is due to an unusual high tin content (15%).

It is surprising how ancient Greeks had shaped the hard copper - tin alloy into such a large vase and, what is more, they had decorated its main body with high

relief decorations. On the other hand, X-ray investigation led to the unexpected conclusion that this huge crater was from bottom to the middle of its neck a one piece vase. At this point exists the sole welding zone between the main body and the upper part of the crater. Just above the welding point some small size wild animals seem to walk on an irregular ground. In this way, the artist has actually succeeded in hiding the rather

rough welding.

Macro and micro examination and experimental work showed that the crater would have been produced by forging. while the smaller bronze vases either by forging, or on the lathe or, finally by a

combination of both. In fact, some of the small vases show signs of spinning on the

The above study has largely contributed in assessing the achievements realized by ancient Greeks in Macedonia during the 4th century B.C., and has led to the conclusion that throughout this period Greek art and technology had actually reached a climax of perfection and, what is more, Macedonia the new Creek street account the head actually reached actually reached a climax of perfection and, what is more, Macedonia the new Creek street account the head actually reached actually reactually reached actually reactually reached actually reached actually reached actually reactually reactually reactually reactually reactually reactually reac Greek super power that had succeeded Athens after its decline constituted part of the ancient Greek world and a continua-

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Health chiefs protest over the hidden cost of GP fundholders



HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

FAMILY doctors who hold their own hospital budgets have made huge savings in the first year of the fundholding scheme.

They are using the money to enhance their practices, while district health authorities are having to halt treatment of patients to save

The savings — up to £280,000 for one practice in East Anglia will be an embarrassment to Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, who is to address the first national conference of GP

fundholders in Birmingham on-Wednesday. She will have to answer charges that the GPs have been feather-bedded and are si-phoning money from health au-thorities and non-fundholding

Critics say the fundholders are personally benefiting by using savings to extend the surgeries which they own. One said: "If the aim is to improve the health of the nation rather than the health of a few this is not a sensible way to go about it."
Under the fundholding scheme, practices are allocated a budget

Dr Lufte Kamal and his five with which to buy hospital services for their patients in the NHS

market and to pay for drugs and offered to pay £50,000 back to the would be used to buy equipment, staff. Legally, any savings made regional health authority but inhire extra staff and pay for a tends to spend the rest on £40,000 extension to the surgery. tends to spend the rest on belong to the practice but because of the huge sums involved regions equipment, upgrading rooms, and building a £90,000 exension to the are now negotiating for the return of some of the money.

"You can't plan services when a group of GPs have walked off with practice, which the partners own.

Most of the savings were achieved by bringing consultants out from the hospital seven miles \$500,000," one health authority manager said. Some health authorities are having to defer treatment of routine patients until after away to run out-patient clinics in the surgery, avoiding high hospital charges. "The result was we made a next April to avoid overspending.

In Wakefield, West Yorkshire, huge saving and we have no waiting list in eight specialties," Dr

Dr Geoffrey Kremer said his sixpartners saved £192,000, or 13.5 partner practice in Bracknell, Berkper cent, on their budget of £1.42 million for 1991-2. Dr Kamal has shire, had saved £100,000, which

"If we work efficiently we use the same money to provide a better service." he said.

Bill Williams, manager of the North Brink practice in Norfolk, said the nine GPs had made a large saving on their £2.3 million budget but would not confirm that it was £280,000. "We are still in discussion with the region over how much we can agree is a saying," he said.

A survey published in Fund-

holding magazine shows that GPs have made big savings in almost every region. In South East

Thames the average saving among the 14 fundholding practices was £75,000. In East Anglia, six of the nine fundholders saved an average of £117,000 on their hospital budgets alone. In Oxford 21 of the 25 fundholders made savings

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The health department said that there had been difficulties over pricing budgets in the first year and a more sophisticated system was being sought. Regions would be able to reduce budgets if there was clear evidence that the original figure was too generous. Many GPs had voluntarily returned savings to health authorities

Spending curb forces new round of schools cuts

School meals, grants and music teaching are under threat in Avon - the first of many counties preparing to make education cuts

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

AVON will tomorrow become the first of many local authorities to cut education services for next year to meet government spending limits.

Overspending in the current year had already forced the county to review its education budget before it was notified of its grant for 1993-4. Now it may have to make savings of at least £15 million on a budget of £320 million.

Advisory teachers' posts have already been cut, and the cost of school meals raised from January. The next round of savings might include economies in special schools, re-strictions on school transport and a sharp reduction in discretionary grants for fur-ther education. Field study

Jet scare as window cracks

AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE British Airways jet whose pilot was sucked out of its cockpit window after take-off from Birmingham was forced to return to the same airport vesterday with a cracked window.

The BAC 1-11 had reached 30,000ft on its way from Birmingham to Faro. Portugal, with 30 passengers and five crew when the pilot reported cracks in the window.

The outer pane, one of five in a sandwich of glass and plastic, suddenly cracked "like a spider's web", according to one passenger. Although there was no immediate danger, the pilot decided to return immediately to Birmingham where the aircraft landed safely. A passenger who was recovering from a recent heart attack received oxygen.

During the incident 18 months ago, Captain Tim Lancaster was dragged out of the plane's cockpit when the cockpit window blew out at 23.000ft en route to Malaga. He was saved by crew members hanging onto his legs. Investigations disclosed

that bolts of the wrong size had been used when a replacement window was installed after reports that it had cracked.

A BA spokesman said last night: "Although it was the same aeroplane. there is no connection between the two inci-

ing may also be lost. John Main, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association's representative on the education committee, said: "Central services are being cut first because the savings can be made more quickly. But school budgets also look like facing 5 per cent cuts. That would man the loss of up to 1,000 teachers' jobs and it is difficult to see how the figure

difficult to see how the figure could be less than 200."

The hung council is trying to lessen the impact by redeploying teachers but local management of schools means that governors are responsible for appointments. and transfers cannot be guaranteed. At the same time, the recession has increased the demand for services, with more pupils qualifying for free school meals and more staying in education beyond 16.

Avon's plight is likely to be

repeated in many authorities. Grants for 1993-4 were even lower than local government officials feared, and the arrival of independence for further education colleges has caused extra difficulties. The Association of Metropolitan Authorities estimates that its members have lost £200 million more than they spent on the colleges in the transfer.

Harrow, in northwest London, for example, is to lose £17 million when its three further education colleges become independent next April, although they cost only £10 million to run. A cuts package that would close all the borough's nursery classes may cause a rebellion among Conservative councillors.

Neighbouring Barnet, also Conservative controlled, has calculated that to maintain existing services next year would cost £15,5 million more than the borough will be allowed to spend. Senior council officials called a meeting with teacher unions last week to warn them.

unions said: "We earnestly hope there will be sufficient public pressure to ensure a review by the government of the rate support grant allocation. Otherwise our borough, which has followed all the official guidelines and has a proud tradition of education. will be forced to make draconian cuts in its services and accept a lowering in its standard of educational pro-

vision." The government calculates that the standard spending assessment for local authority education has been increased by 3 per cent nationally. But, even if teachers' pay is held to the public sector norm, local authority leaders claim that the budgets are at least 2.5 per cent short of the amount needed to maintain services.

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New chairman of the Bar plans free advice centres

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Bar is to create a prompt criticism in some national network of free advice centres for people pursuing claims before tribunals or in county courts who cannot get legal aid.

The scheme, which comes after the government's announcement of the biggest restrictions on legal aid eligibility in its 40-year history, is one of the main items on the agenda of the Bar chairmanelect. John Rowe OC. who will be head of the profession in

There are already so-called free representation units in London. Manchester and Wales, but the work is largely handled by student barristers and confined to tribunals. It In a statement today, six rarely involves QCs or barristers of experience, or court

work. Mr Rowe, who was the driving force behind the Manchester centre, envisages a big expansion of the scheme, first to cover county court work, possibly through a duty lawyers' scheme, and, second, through use of established

country. Employment and welfare and immigration importance yet in the tribudecided, ordinary people cannot get legal aid, and free representation is essential," Mr Rowe said.

The scheme is certain to

quarters that it will help the government to reduce public funds for legal services with impunity. But he denies the scheme would help underpin what should be a publicly funded service. "We have got to face the fact that legal aid is going to be limited, that there is not going to be an extension of legal aid to these cases. If people are going without, I don't think the Bar should stand back and say we will just wait for the Lord Chancellor to extend legal aid. We should get on with doing something."

Mr Rowe, 56, leader of the northern circuit for the past four years, is regarded as being more conservative than his two predecessors. Lord Williams of Mostyn QC and Anthony Scrivener QC. For example, he does not back the creation of a Judicial Appointments Commission in place of the present system of selecting judges. Nor does he believe

that wigs should be discarded.

members of the profession. He argues that every barrister should be prepared to take on one case a year for no charge. "I am keen to see free representation and advice schemes set up throughout the rights are of fundamental nals, where these things are

But he is fully behind the Bar line on issues such as opposing rights of audience for Crown prosecutors, and combating race and sex discrimination at the Bar are high on his agenda. Also included in what he calls a five-point plan of action for his year as chairman are: implementation of the Seabrook report on criminal trials, which looked at ways to reduce costs and delays, such

as setting up a formal system of plea-bargaining with re-duced sentences for guilty pleas. Other targets are education and training - he plans a gradual extension of continuing education for qualified barristers - and the Bar's working practices. He wants to encourage a more efficient and competitive system in the face of competition from solicitor advocates. Mr Rowe, a popular choice who is well known for his jokes

> general practice where he has specialised in criminal fraud, personal injury and medical negligence. He is fond of French and German literature and church architecture. During the next 12 months his aim is to help restore public confidence in the legal system. Costs and delays must be eliminated, miscarriages of justice must be eliminated. If criminal cases were coming on within weeks of committal and civil cases within a few months, and the system was in what I would call first-class

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Lord Chancellor: directs

Opt-out trusts may shun the over-50s

By JOHN YOUNG

TOUGHER guidelines are needed to prevent opted-out hospitals from refusing potentially life-saving treatment to the over-50s, a study published today says. Pensioners risk being told they are medically unsuitable for treatment by trusts eager to make a profit in the new market-style NHS.

Professor Grimley Evans, co-author of the report and head of geriatric medicine at Raddiffe Infirmary, Oxford, says there is already evidence that older people are being denied help in some coronary care units. A recent survey of 175 units showed that one fifth had age-related admission policies and two fifths had put age limits on who should

have clot-busting drugs. The report also says that the increase in life expectancy has not been matched by a proportionate decline in ill health and disability. Appropriate exercise can delay or reverse physical decline and restore

fitness among older people. The study is the ninth and last in a series undertaken by the Carnegie UK Trust into what it calls the "third age". Final conclusions and recom-mendations based on all nine investigations will be presented to a conference in London

next April. The trust divides the human lifespan into four stages: childhood and schooling; work and raising a family; active independence; and old age, in which people become frail and dependent on others. Because of a declining birthrate, earlier retirement and a longer lifespan, Britain and other countries have a larger proportion in the third category than

The final report is certain to emphasise that the nation carrnot afford to allow so many people in the "third age" to leave their main jobs and go into retirement, when they could look forward to new part-time, flexible and enjoyable careers. But if they are to fulfil their potential they must pay more attention to their health.

The study suggests that it is time to bury the prevalent pessimistic view that mental and physical functions decline inexorably with age, and that ageing is exclusively genetically determined. Psychological deterioration with age is not inevitable, and is often more than compensated for by knowledge and experience. Most people in the third age are still functioning at or near

However, in spite of increased awareness of the im-portance of being physically fit, only 34 per cent of those aged between 55 and 64, and 23 per cent of those between 65 and 74, take enough exercise to maintain their functional independence. Even fewer take enough to protect them against heart disease.

The Department of Health said that it would regard as unacceptable for treatment to be denied on the grounds of a patient's age alone. Clinical priority was, however, a matter for professional judgment, a spokesman said.

A girl's best friend is her name

By KATE ALDERSON

WALTER. Prince of Softies, the character from the Beano comic who was bullied by Dennis the Menace, is a victim of the stereotypes associated with people's names. Walters are apparently no less manly than Davids and

Johns Boys are apparently unaffected by their names, but research by Helen Petrie. a psychologist. shows that the future personality of a girl could be determined by the name she is given at birth. Dianas and Lucys develop into more feminine women, while Maureens and Ellens are more likely to be tomboys.

The Name Game, a

BBC Radio 5 programme to be broadcast today, examines the fashions in names, whether they can determine masculinity or femininity or if the choice of an unusual name can hinder a person's life.

"Having a name that's out of the ordinary is quite an advantage," Ms Petrie said. "It makes people feel special: you're easy to re-member and not likely to be confused with anyone eise. It seems to be a positive thing."

John Walters, the television and radio presenter. says that an unusual name can be cruel. "Cybil Shepherd's got a child called Ariel — is she going to call her next one Daz? My colleague John Peel called his first two children Anfield and the next two Dalglish and Shankly. Luckily, they're only middle names."

Leslie Dunkling, who has been compiling lists of the most popular names for many years from the Register of Births, has

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AN asteroid about two miles in diameter will pass by the Earth tomorrow. Toutatis, named after a god of ancient Gaul often called upon by the cartoon hero Asterix, is expected to come as close to the Earth as any

Astronomers say there is no danger of a collision, and are taking the opportunity to study Toutatis, using the £2 billion orbiting Hubble space telescope and radar signals from radio telescopes.

asteroid for the rest of this century.

The asteroid is the largest object to cross Earth's orbit on a regular basis

but, if the scientists' calculations are right, it will miss us by a full two million miles, so there is no need to hide under the table. Its elliptical orbit takes it out almost to the orbit of Jupiter before swinging back every four years to pass close to the Sun. The proximity to Earth varies on each pass in 2004 Toutatis is expected to

miles of Earth. The asteroid is far too small to be seen with the naked eye, though amateur astronomers with small telescopes should be able to pick it out just below the constellation of Leo. Using the Hubble, scientists at the Space Telescope Sciences Institute

come even closer, within a million

hope to make out the shape of Toutatis, while ground-based instruments will see only a point of light.

The best images may come from radar mapping, which ought to be able to pick out details 160 metres across. Using radar signals sent out by the Goldstone antenna in California and picked up by the 27-dish Very Large Array in New Mexico. Steven Ostro and colleagues from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California hope to establish the asteroid's shape, how fast it is spinning, and some surface

Toutatis was discovered in 1989 by the French astronomer Christian Pollas and named after the Gallic

deity known as "protector of the tribe". In fact, it had been sighted once before, in 1934, but then lost. When it was rediscovered, astronomers were able to show that it was the largest of the 20 or so asteroids which cross the Earth's orbit.

Coincidentally another object will pass much closer to the Earth tomorrow: the satellite Galileo, which will swoop to within 220 miles of the Earth, almost touching the atmosphere, to gain momentum for its flight to Jupiter. Galileo was launched in 1989 and has already made passes of the Earth and Venus in its long flight to Jupiter, where it is expected on December 7 1995.

found that Daniel, Matthew, James, Christopher and Adam are the most popular boys' names. Emma, Sarah, Laura. Charlotte and Amy are the most favoured girls names, with Rebecca increasingly popular.

Drink takes a high toll on the midnight ramblers

People are finally getting the message not to drink and drive, but walking home after a night at the pub can also prove fatal

BY ELAINE FOGG

ANNUAL publicity cam-paigns have done much to spotlight the perils of drinkdriving. However, they have yet to address a growing menace highlighted in a new government report — the drunken walker.

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Inebriated pedestrians, including a large proportion who stagger home to avoid a drink-driving offence, could put themselves, and others, in danger this Christmas, ac-cording to a report by the government's Transport Research Laboratory.

Of those pedestrians killed between the hours of 10pm and midnight last year, four out of five had been drinking and two thirds were over the legal limit for driving. A total of 460 pedestrians above the drink-drive limit were killed across the country, says the report, which gained its data from police and hospital

Danny Daniels, of the Roy. al Society for the Prevention of Accidents, said: People are finally getting the message to leave their cars at home when they drink. But decid ing to walk instead can prove fatal if

they are drunk."

Whatever danger s are posed by the walking dn .ink, it is still the drunken driver who causes the greatest potential risk to life. A spokr sman for the transport deplartment said yesterday: "Drunken pedestrians can cause problems. It is the extent of that problem that we are looking at in the report."

He said the department had no plans to target intoxicated walkers with commercials. We are still urging drivers to k ave their cars at home if they plan to drink. Drunk drivers have the greatest potential for causing loss of life on the roads," he said.

A television commercial, thought to be the toughest five, say they drink no alcohol ed so far, will be broadcast for the first time tonight. It will spearhead the annual anti-drink-drive campaign, which will be launched today by Kenneth Carlisle, the roads and traffic minister. The campaign is once again being

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conducted under the banner: "Drinking and driving wrecks

Statistics support the government's view that the repeated campaigns are having a big effect on driver attituder. In the last ten years, deaths caused by drink-driving have plummeted from 1.50 0 a year to 700

Far more motorists are being breathalyse 1, but the failure rate has fa' den sharply. In 1980, about one-third of those tested wer e found to be over the legal curink-drive limit. Currently, t he failure rate is only about or ie in ten.
It is now, no longer the

young drivers who are seen to be most susceptible to the temptation to drink and drive. The cam paigns now tend to be aimed 'primarily at the 25-40 age group.
Some of those convicted of

drink-drive offences this Christmas could be offered the chance to attend new rehabilitation courses, which were announced by Mr Carlisle last week. These satisfactorily attending full sessions of their course cruid be eligible for a reduction of up to a quarter in their disqualification period.

The popularity and promotion of low-alcohol and nonalcoholic drinks has also played a part in reducing the instances of drinking and driving, the government says. Lately, there has been a

growing trend in Britain towards teetotalism. In the past seven years, the number of people who have given up alcohol has increased by 20 per cent, according to a survey of 20,000 people for the Ansvar Insurance Company, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, which provides insurance exclusively for non-drinkers.

Around 7.7 million adults in the UK, or almost one in at all, the survey found, with London containing the high-est number of tectotakers. Those most likely to abstain are aged 25 to 34, give up for health reasons, and belong to the middle class AB bracket, it



Message in a bottle: alcohol ruins lives

Bus firm sues over riumbers

BY PAUL WILKINSON

IN THE cut-throat world of deregulated bus services, even the number on the front of the vehicle can be the basis for a battle hetween rival operators. A dispute in South Yorkshire over the right to route numbers is expected to end in the High Court sometime next summer.

The South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive is suing four private operators claiming that they are stealing its passsengers by using the same route numbers as the executive's buses.

"It all comes down to whether the numbers on the buses are the trademark of the operator," Richard Boardman, the Leeds solicitor handling the action, said. There was no problem before deregulation. A No 9 bus went where a No 9 bus always went, but now anyone can buy a second-hand bus, stick No 9 on it and go where they want."

The executive has already been granted an interim injunction cover-ing 11 of its routes. It wants a permanent ban.

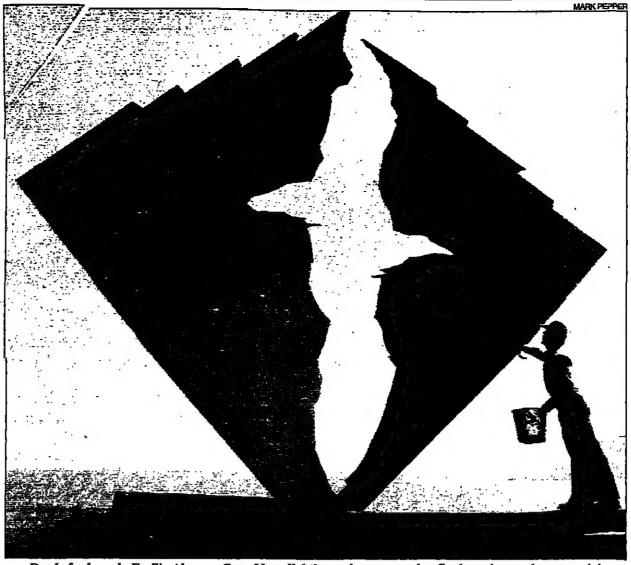
999 merger 'would help efficiency'

By RICHARD FORD

THE three emergency services should be merged into one organisation to cut costs and improve efficiency, according to a report published today by a right-wing think-tank. The overhaul is required

because the police, fire and ambulance 999 services are out of date and need to be modernised to face the challenges of the next century, said the study. A joint emergency control centre would eliminate delay and inaccuracy caused by having separate command centres for each service in each area. Individual control centres for police, fire and ambu-lance 999 services would be replaced by a system in which all emergency calls would be handled by one unit.

At present, a caller dialling 999 is connected to the BT emergency switchboard and then asked which service is needed before being connected to the police, fire or ambulance control room. The report says the existing system is out of date and is a result of the failure of politicians to accept the need for change. ☐ 999 Emergency (The Adam Smith Institute, 23 Great Smith Street, London SW1P



Ready for launch: Emilio Alarcon, Cape Horn lighthouse keeper, putting final touches to the memorial

Cape Horn sailors honour comrades

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL AT CAPE HORN

A GROUP of Cape Horn years with tales of our fight to veterans from around the round this cape against world revisited the cape during the weekend to inaugurate a memorial to the hundreds of seamen who have died there over the centuries. Led by Captain Jean Perdraut, president of the Cape Horners' Association, they stepped ashore for the first time on the island they had feared most in their seafaring days.

The memorial, a 20ft multilayered steel sculpture, is set on a hill close to the 1,000ft headland that marks the southern limit of the American continent. It depicts an albatross gliding over the southern ocean. Designed by José Balcells Eyquem, professor of architecture at the University of Valparaiso, it was one of 37 designs submitted by sculptors for a competition judged by the

Chilean navy.

Many of those present found it hard to believe the sunny, warm conditions at the cape which had allowed the ten British Steel Challenge yachts to round the Horn safely last week, en route for Tasmania. "I'm glad my family are not here. I've been boring them for 43

mountainous seas and they would never believe me again." Bob Russell, from Australia, said.

Admiral Bruna Greene. who captained the Chilean navy's sail training ship Esmerelda around the world in 1988, said: "The day we sailed round began very much like this, but, within three hours, the winds had built up to 83 knots. Every sail was torn and many of the wooden hoops holding them to the mast broke away. It was a horrific experience."

These conditions are freak," one old Cape Horner said. "I have looked up our statistics for December and it says there is only a I per cent chance of calms. It is normally blowing a full gale here."

The Cape Horners' Association, based in St Malo. France, is open only to those who have rounded the Horn under sail in a commercial ship. "We are a dying breed," Mr Russell said. "Two years ago we were 700-strong. Now membership is down to about 400."

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Anglers sue fish farm over ones that got away

Legal minds will today consider whether an escape of rainbow trout condemned other fish to a watery grave

> By Michael Hornsby AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

LEGAL history will be made at Swindon County Court of the native wild brown trout seek thousands of pounds in damages for the alleged invasion of a fishery by handreared rainbow trout.

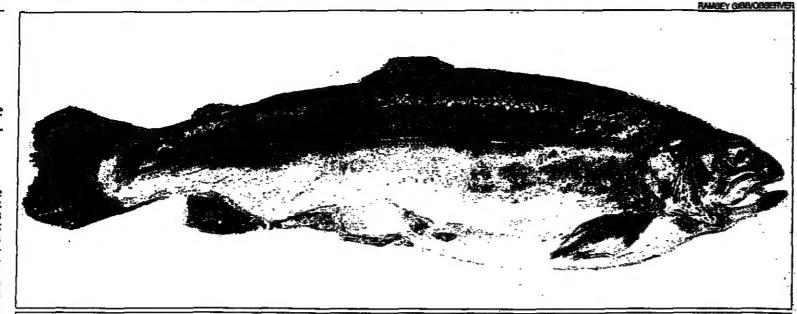
Anglers. conservationists and commercial fish-breeders will be watching the case with interest. The Anglers Cooperative Association, which is bringing the case, hopes to establish the principle that owners of trout farms should be liable for rainbow trout that escape from rearing-ponds into adjacent rivers.

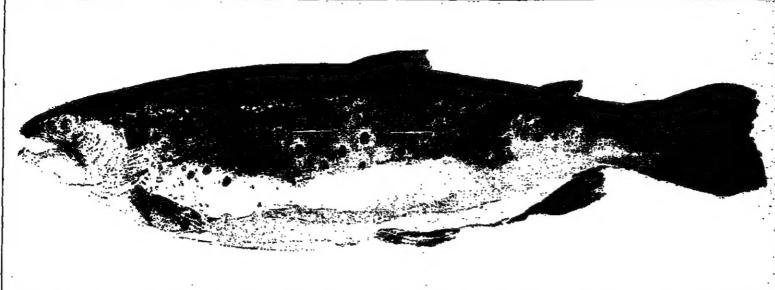
Fishery owners and angling clubs that charge high prices for top-class brown trout fishing complain that the escapers gobble up the browns' food, driving them away from carefully managed spawning grounds.

The farm-bred rainbow is also much easier to catch as it scares less easily. Allen Edation, said: "People who have paid a lot of money to catch brownies are not at all pleased when they find they are pulling in 3 in or 4 in rainbows

with every cast."
Mr Edwards believes that some mass escapes of farmed fish are not accidental. "We suspect, though cannot prove it, that with overproduction and recession hitting whole-sale prices some fish farmers find it cheaper to release large numbers of young fish than to feed them to full weight."

Such allegations are dismissed as "pure nonsense" by Nick Yonge, chairman of the British Trout Association. whose 120 members represent about 70 per cent of





Fish foes: the rainbow trout, above, provides anglers with a big catch but is said to drive away the more retiring brown, below

farmed trout production. He insisted that escapes were rare and always accidental and that farmers made every effort

to prevent them.

Mr Yonge also claimed that
the ecological impact of the release of rainbow trout was short-lived because the fish, introduced to Britain from North America during the 19th century, rarely bred in the wild and had only occasionally managed to establish

populations that were self-

The county court case involves a trout farm near Marlborough, Wiltshire. which is alleged to have allowed thousands of rainbows to escape in 1990 into a stretch of the river Kennet managed for brown trout fishing. The Anglers Co-operative Association is seeking £10,500 damages on behalf of Savernake fly fishery,

which claims that 40 per cent of the 1990 season was spoilt by the rainbow invasion. The trout farm has since ceased trading but the case is being defended by the insurer.

If it wins the case, the association intends to pursue cases against two other trout farms on the river Nidd near

Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Although discerning anglers may object to the intru-sion of rainbows, the stocking

of rivers and still waters with fish has been policy for years and is permitted by the National Rivers Authority. Escapers are only a small proportion of the rainbow

Dr Nick Giles, head of wetlands research at The Game Conservancy, said: The truth is that most anglers are much more interested in taking home a big bag of hatchery fish than in catching and releasing wild fish. Almost all English rivers are now stocked with hatchery trout, both browns and rainbows."

Robin Ade, a writer on trout fishing, said: "Personally, I do not like catching rainbows. I would much rather catch a fish with 10,000 years of history going back to the last Ice Age. But I do not see any danger of the brown being displaced."

BR rental row hits Heathrow rail link

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

A DISPUTE over British Rail's demand for a £6 million a year "track fee" along 11 miles of track between Paddington and West Drayton is putting in jeopardy the open-ing of a new £300 million high-speed rail link to Heathrow airport.

The stalemate has led to frustration among airlines and fears that it could set a precedent which could affect the long-term success of rail

BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, agreed two years ago to put up 80 per cent of the E300 million cost of improving the line, buying new rolling stock and build-ing new stations. BR agreed

ing thew stations. BK agreed to fund the rest.

A bill enabling work to begin was passed by Parliament and BAA spent £20 million on trial tunnels and design work, which should have led to the track opening in spring 1997. But plans were thrown into confusion after the announcement of BR's privatisation, leading to the argument over payments for private use of BR track.

BR said that it could no longer afford its share of the building cost and BAA was forced to seek private

BAA has said it is ready to start work immediately, but unless the track fee is reduced drastically and agreement reached on maintaining the section of BR track, the service will never be made to pay.

Continued funding by local authorities of public transport, particularly railways, is essential to keep cars off the grads and maintain the gueliroads and maintain the quali-ty of life in Britain, a report published today claims. The report, Signals for a

Better Future, says that the countryside is also under threat from increased road traffic, and although schemes undertaken with local authority help are impressive, their continued success depends on a "consistent and reliable

SENSIVE EN 73,000 lost from poll registers

More than 73,000 people have been lost from the electoral register in London in the past ten months, a survey issued today shows. Evasion of the poll tax is believed to be the main cause of the fall.

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The biggest decreases are in the boroughs of Brent (down 20.566), Richmond (12.544) and Croydon (12,438), according to the Association of London Authorities survey, Research from Warwick University ersity suggests that one in ten does not register, largely in an

stiempt to avoid poll tax.

Steve Bullock, chairman of the association, said: These figures are very worrying for the health of democracy in London. Every effort must be made to ensure that everyone who has the right to vote is registered to do so."

Welsh jury veto

The new Welsh Language Act will not include the right to trial before a Welsh-speaking jury, David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, has ruled. He said that such a right would breach the principle of random selec-

Taxing time

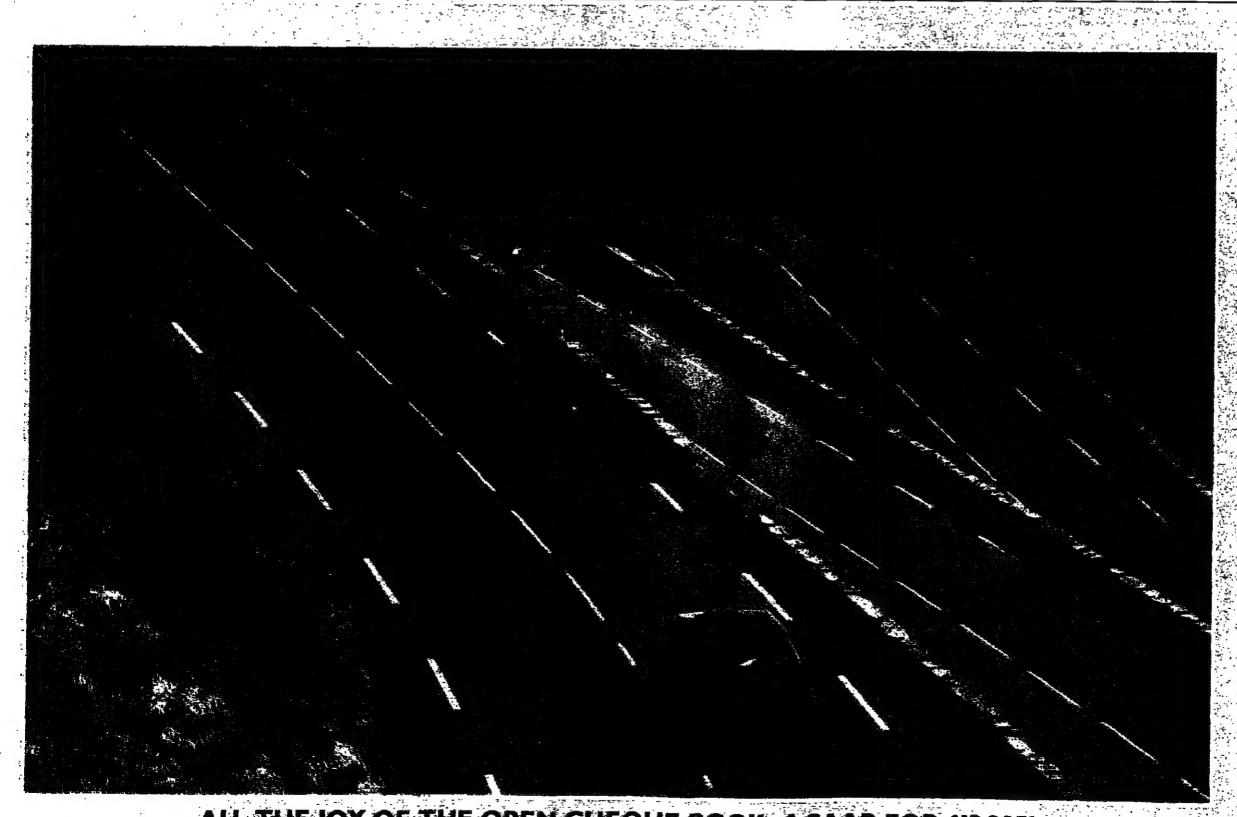
Timothy and Kirsty Buckland, of Monmouth, Gwent, have been told that their home has been put in two separate council tax bands because it has two front doors. One half is in Band E. the other in Band D.

Rare bird eaten

Hundreds of bird-watchers descended on South Woodham Ferrers, Essex, to see a rare barred warbler. By the time most arrived, it had been eaten by a cat.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly National Savings Premium Bond prize draw: £100,000, bond number 1FB 964666, from East Sussex, value of holding £1,249. E50,000, 24SS 378507. Essex (£856). £25,000, 18SZ 519994, Devon (£125).



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Quest for perfect physique backfires

Bodybuilding drugs change husbands into raging bulls

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

ing a confidante. "I try

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work in their own area." She

also refers them for profession-

al help and next year wants to

at universities and local sports

The University of London's psychology department has found that indiscriminate tak-

ing of anabolic steroids can

cause personality changes.

Recent academic work has

followed court cases in which

convicted criminals have tak-

en hormone drugs:

☐ John Steed, the M4 rapist

and bodybuilder, who in 1986

was convicted of killing a

prostitute in central London.

Christopher Snarski, who was imprisoned for 12 years

last March after setting fire to his house and letting his two

children burn to death inside.

Snarski claimed that he was

psychologically dependent on

Det Carol Bristow, who

until 1990 was head of Scot-

land Yard's sexual offences

unit, has established a link

between the drugs and sex

crimes after examining these

In the United States, where

an estimated million people, including 250,000 high

school students, take hormone

drugs, Dr Harrison Pope and

Dr David Katz, two psychia-

trists at the Harvard Medical

School, have made a detailed

survey of individuals taking

Dr Pope said: "We were

surprised that so many of our

subjects described the same side effects, including irritabil-

ity and increased aggression."

bert's case history, says: When I was experiencing the

effects of an anabolic steroid

user I found it impossible to

explain the situation to a non-

I felt alone, had nobody to talk

to, nobody who understood the animal rages, sometimes hourly, with which I had to

r's wife or ordinary person.

As the woman in Ms Lam-

anabolic steroids.

and several other cases.

HUNDREDS of women are sweeping his arm along racks turning to a support group of clothes, flinging them to the after suffering mental and floor. The woman, who asked not to be identified, said: "He physical abuse from men taking hodybuilding drugs. pulled food off the shelves and The Anabolic Steroid Wives' then ran into the street and Association has been inundat-

threw my shopping in the air." She described his behaviour as ed with requests for help and counselling because men takthat of a "raging bull". ing hormone drugs to im-On another occasion, she returned to find the house in a prive their physiques or sporting performances freshambles, with broken plates quently become psychologicalon the kitchen floor, doors ly unbalanced and even ripped off their hinges and the wiolent. washing machine dented. "I Menzies Campbell, the found the kids hiding upstairs. What has happened I asked Liberal Democrat MP. is particularly concerned at the so-

cial harm caused by indi-viduals taking anabolic ster-

oids. He is hoping to get an early second reading of his private member's bill, which

would make it a criminal offence to possess the drugs

without a medical prescrip-

Lambert: women need to

know they are not alone

tion. At the moment, it is only

association was founded by

Sherry Lambert, a telephone

sales manager from Preston.

Lancashire, whose personal

experience persuaded her that

other women might want to

One typical case history on Ms Lambert's files concerns a noman living with her boy

riend, a divorced father of five. The relationship was

harmonious at first. However,

her boy friend's interest in strength became obsessional.

He closed his small printing

business because it interfered with his training. He became

irritable, and prone to outbursts of anger, such as throw-

Cardiff Three

fight murder

conviction

THREE Cardiff men serving life sentences for the murder of young prostitute will have

series of embarrassing mis-

takes for the legal system. Supporters of the "Cardiff

I'hree" have mounted a long

campaign to overturn the verdicts, with the backing of

Liberty, the pressure group for

criminal justice reform.

Tony Paris, 35, Yusef

Abdullahi, 30, and Stephen Miller, 26, have protested

their innocence since they Fere jailed in November 1990

after Britain's longest murder trial. A jury at Swansea Crown Court convicted them of mur-

dering Lynette White. 20, who was found hacked to death on

St Valentine's day 1988 in a flat in Cardiff where she took

On one occasion when out him for £2. He responded by

ing cups of coffee.

share their worries.

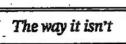
them. One replied, 'Dad's gym kit was not dry and there is no tuna fish in the house'." The woman says she learnt not to argue. "Although he never once hurt me or the children, it was best to humour him. At first I racked my brains to figure out why he was behaving like this." Then she remembered him swallowing tablets. She searched the house and found the hormone drugs, something he had said

he never took. His sex drive was intense when he first began taking anabolic steroids, but eventually it was suppressed because high dosages ultimately have a weakening effect on libido.

The cost of the drugs, which bodybuilders buy on a thriving black market and often take in high dosages together with vast quantities of food, had been funded through her own job. She often had to work long hours to meet the bills. Nevertheless, she dreaded returning home, sometimes passing the house several times before summoning up courage to enter. She

eventually moved out. When Ms Lambert, 32, set up the association, she began receiving several hundred letters from wives or girl friends, some of whom feel they are prisoners in their own homes. One mother from Newcastle wrote: "I do not know which way to turn. I have three children, no money and constantly undergo mental and

physical torture." Most of the letters come from the wives of bodybuilders but some are from the partners of sportsmen, such as boxers or athletes. Many of the women are comforted by hav-





their case re-examined by the Court of Appeal today.
Their lawyers believe new It's not very mellow evidence points to a miscarriage of justice, the latest in a

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Has become a bit showy: To reply 'Yes' to 'Hello!

Shirley MacLaine

Peter Carter-Ruck Is down on his luck. For a digestive biscuit, a short chat and a cup of

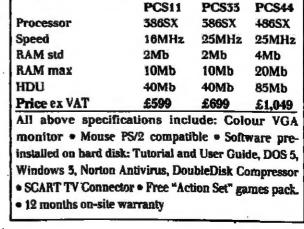
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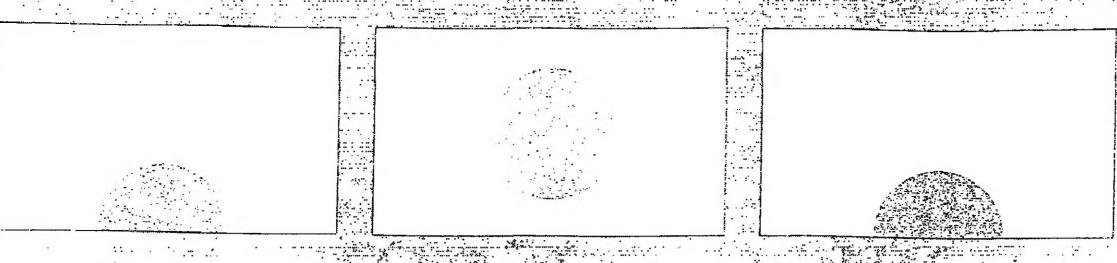
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Serb attacks push Britain into the thick of war in Bosnia

■ While the West agonises over armed intervention, its troops are forced to fight

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN KISELJAK

THE bark of a dog, the thwack of an axe cutting firewood, the crack of automatic gunfire somewhere over the hill. In this bizarre landscape, a perilous mix of rural idyll and battlefield, British UN troops tread a delicate path through a minefield of conflicting local demands and

BULVER & SEREN BURNES

Poorly armed Bosnian and Croat fighters can only look on in wonder at the thundering procession of armoured Scimi-tar and Warrior vehicles as they rumble around the war zone. Their frustration turns to anger as their calls for the British troops to blast the Serbs in the hills are refused.

So far. For however much politicians in Whitehall bluster and prevaricate, all the evidence here on the ground points towards greater military intervention. Greater, because de facto military intervention is already taking

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Officers insist that their UN mandate covers only the escort and facilitating of aid convoys. They say UN troops are not

here as a Western strike force. But a mandate is in the eye of the beholder. Patience with Serb tactics of continual harassment and obstruction of aid convoys is wearing thin, both in Bosnia and New York.

United Nations troops may have to move beyond impartial peacekeeping. Boutros Boutros Ghali, its secretarygeneral, said last month. They may become party to a conflict with whoever tries to block, rob or destroy the convoys they are protecting".
In effect this is already

happening. True, this is not yet Operation Balkan Storm, an all-out assault aimed at destroying the Serb govern-ment and armed forces. But there is a huge difference in approach between the opera-tions of the British UN troops in central Bosnia and their virtually impotent — by their general's own admission colleagues bunkered down in

Sarajevo. British troops have already returned fire. Soldiers and officers serving here make it clear that none would hesitate



Family's despuir: a Bosnian mother and son crying over the father's grave in Sarajevo, where the suburb of Otes was said to have fallen to the Serbs

to shoot back if fired upon and they can identify the target. They also say they will not stand idly by and watch atrocities taking place. Under Colonel Bob Stewart,

proach that takes them as far as they can up to the Serb front lines, even though they are likely to attract fire. Operations must be approved by the UN high command at Kisel-British soldiers are taking a jak, outside Sarajevo, but Colonel Stewart has a high degree

of autonomy. The events of last week, when Serb gunners let loose artillery at a convoy of Warriors in the frontline town of Turbe, show that the British presence attracts targeted, as opposed to indirect, fire. Warriors patrol Turbe four

or five times a week. There are no aid convoys to the warravaged town, so why bother going there? Officers describe the strategy as carrying out "an implied task", pushing out as far as possible in every direction, reconnoiting and intervention.

gathering as much intelligence as possible. All of which will be of vital use in the event of a fullscale military

Should Turbe fall, Serb forces will be poised at the gates of Travnik, just ten miles base. If Travnik falls, and then Vitez the British contingent will not leave.

Pressure is building in the West, and now the Middle East, for full-scale intervention. United Nations officers refuse to say on the record whether they would like their mandate altered so they could force aid convoys through to the starving and freezing of Bosnia, instead of negotiating passage. Privately though many are furious at the difficulties and obstructions they say the Serbs continually place in their way. Trigger fingers, even UN ones, are getting

sein Ali Abdul Razek of Egypt said on Saturday that UN efforts there have "completely failed". In his opinion he said the UN must show it intends to intervene and stop the war. He also demanded that those responsible must be put on

If and when that happens, the British contingent, backed up by the biggest concentra-tion of armour in Bosnia, is already deployed. So are their in the southwest, the French in Bihac, the northwest, the Canadians in Banja Luka in the north, and the mixed force in

Ban on candidacy of Panic upheld

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

SERBIA'S electoral commission upheld its ban on the candidature of Milan Panic, the Yugoslav prime minister, for the Serbian presidency. On Friday the commission had ruled that Mr Panic, the only serious challenger to Slobodan Milosevic, was ineligible to run because he had not lived in Serbia long enough.

On Saturday the ruling was overturned by the Supreme Court but yesterday this judg-ment was itself rejected by the electoral commission. Mr Panic, a Serbian-American businessman, returned from California in the summer to take up his current post.

Yesterday's decision cast further doubt on whether the opposition would participate in the December 20 poll. had debated whether to withdraw from the race immediately or to wait until the courts gave a final decision on whether Mr Panic could run. Some leaders argued that they should in any case boycott the poll because of alleged irregularities. Sources within the main opposition party, the Serbian Renewal Movement, claim that as many as 30 per cent of people believed to be

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being more closely monitored, petrol remains freely available and cheap in Serbia. Trade unions have been given foodstuffs from the state reserves to distribute to their members at low prices. Fines for late payment of rents and of electricity and telephone bills have been suspended. The opposition claims that all this amounts to bribery by the ruling Socialist party to secure re-election.

In Pristina, the capital of the overwhelmingly ethnic Albanian southern Serbian province of Kosovo, the foundation stone for the largest Orthodox cathedral in the Balkans was

One of the candidates in the province's elections, which are to be boycotted by the ethnic Albanians, is a Serb militia leader known by his nom de guerre "Arkan". The paramilitary group run by Arkan gained a fearsome reputation during fighting in Croatia and eastern Bosnia and his name is frequently mentioned by -human rights groups in the context of war crimes trials.

Troops fail to cross front line

Madrid: The captain of the Greek registered tanker, the Aegean Sea, that ran aground, caught fire and lost 79,000 tons of oil off La attempting to reach the Mus-lim-controlled town of Tuzla Coruña, in northwest Spain, was released on £6,000 bail at the weekend (Edward Owen from Belgrade. writes). Ecologists say that nearly 80 miles of shore, including valuable shellfish

Thursday's accident.
John Bennett, for Greenpeace, said the ecological damage at La Coruña was twice as bad as that caused by Exxon Valdez in Alaska.

beds, were contaminated after

Whites warned

Johannesburg: Sabella Pal-ma, commander of the mili-tant Azanian Peoples Liberation Army, gave a warning that attacks on "soft" white South African targets, such as that on a golf club last week, would be increased.

Bentsen tipped Washington: Bill Clinton, the US president-elect, is expected

to name Lloyd Bentsen, the chairman of the Senate finance committee, as his Treasury secretary this week and Roger Altman, an investment banker, as his deputy.

Britons well

Amman: British diplomats here report that both Paul Ride and Michael Wain-illegally entering Iraq, have been visited in jail in Baghdad and were well. (Reuter)

German march Munich: About 250,000 Germans with candles protested against racist attacks on foreigners by right-wing gangs after an apartment fire killed a Creatian worker. (Reuter)

BY ADAM LEBOR BRITISH troops yesterday were still trying to cross the Serbian front line to meet a United Nations aid convoy

The convoy of eight Scinai-tar and four Warrior armoured vehicles was forced to turn back on Saturday after it came under fire from Serb forces as it attempted to cross no man's land at the front line. It was also delayed by a minefield laid by Croat forces fighting in Bosnia.

British officers said that if

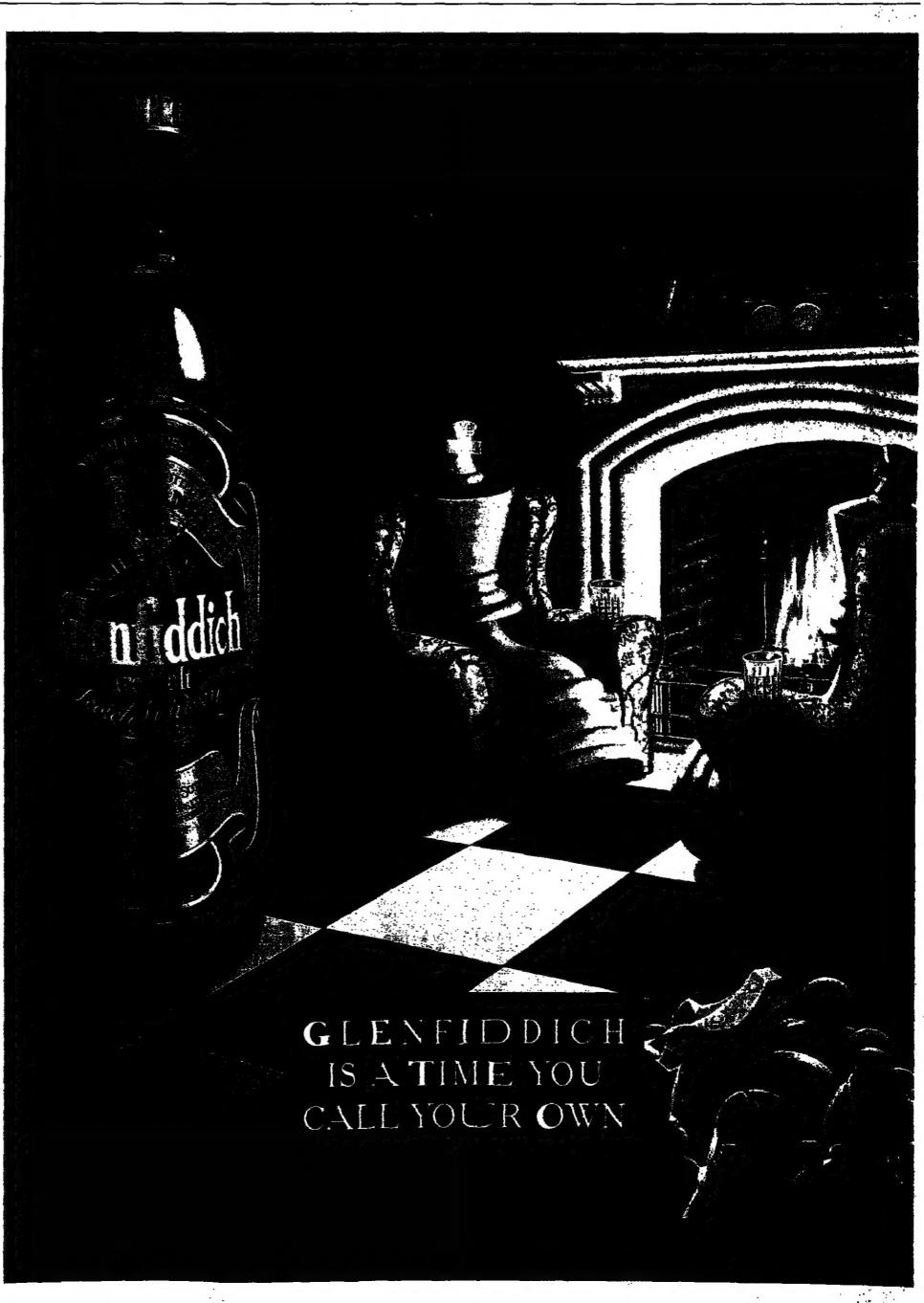
the convoy was fired at yesterday they would return fire.
"One assumes it was the Serb side," said Major Alan Abraham of the 9th/12th Lancers. "The Bosnians have given us their word that they will not hinder our activities."

The UN aid convoy is attempting to open a new route from Belgrade to Tuzia, one of the biggest cities still under Bosnian control, that avoids the hazardous mountain roads by approaching from the Serb side. The British plan is for the armoured vehicles to cross the Serb front lines several times to meet the aid convoy and bring it into Muslim territory, to escort the lornes out again and to return

to Muslim territory.

"If we are successful and can open this corridor, we will be able to run regular convoys from Belgrade," said Major Martin Waters at the British headquarters in Vitez.

The strategy of sending the UN armoured escort across the front line is an attempt to avoid the aid convoy being held up, often by crowds of angry Serb women. It is also indicative of a new forcefulness by the UN in trying to get aid to the freezing and hungry Bosnian Muslims.



Swiss voters rebuff common market pact and opt for isolation

From George Brock in brussels and Alan McGregor in geneva

isolation in rejecting a Europe-wide common market in yesterday's referendum, Frans Andriessen, the European Community's external relations chief, said. He ruled out negotiating bilaterally the trade terms the pact would have conferred.

"I have to say that the Swiss people have opted for isola-tion." Mr Andriessen, who conducted negotiations on the European Economic Area (EEA) with the seven-nation European Free Trade Associ-ation (Efta), told reporters after the results of the Swiss popular vote became known. A country that has chosen isolation cannot expect that we can do in a bilateral accord what they have rejected on the multilateral level," he added. The Swiss will almost cer-

tainly withdraw their application for EC membership. Standing aloof from the rest of Europe is central to Swiss history and identity. Although the stubborn Swiss refusal to take even half a step towards European integration was not a surprise, the vote is yet another piece of bad news for grand European designs.

Eighteen of the 26 semiindependent cantons refused

ATTEMPTS to tame the

Brussels bureaucracy at the Edinburgh summit this week

and prevent the drift towards a

European "superstate" will

end in failure, according to a report published today. Britain's belief that further

encroachments on the powers

of national parliaments will be

stooped by implementing the

principle of subsidiarity, a

doctrine setting out limits on

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Subsidiarity fight

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application for EEA membership, although about half the voters approved of it. The turn-out, more than 80 per cent of the 4.5 million eligible to vote, set an all-time record.

The German and Italianspeaking areas, including Zurich and Bern, voted solidly against the EEA; French-speaking Suisse Romande, on the other hand, returned big majorities in its favour.

turn out to be only a delay in both the creation of the EEA and in Switzerland's very slow turn towards the outside world. Switzerland is not interested in holding the treaty hostage until the accord is changed and the treaty is anyway designed to protect the majority from that threat. The Swiss will not cause its Efta partners the legal and political agonies which the reluctant Danes are inflicting on their partners in the Maas-

tricht treaty.

The EEA treaty, signed last spring and now unlikely to come into force before next summer, contains a protocol allowing the other states to put the accord into effect without the ratification of one or two states. Two countries are now likely to drop out of the projected free trade zone since

By Michael Dynes, whitehall correspondent initiatives should be the re-sponsibility of European Com-munity or national authorities could, moreover, bog the EC down in expensive and time-consuming legal challenges,

the report adds. Published by the European Policy Forum, a newly estab-lished think-tank dedicated to British and European market studies", the report, Subsidiarity: No Panacea, has been timed to focus attention the run-up to the Edinburgh summit

In Britain subsidiarity is understood to mean that laws should only be made at EC level if the national authorities are incapable of effective action. But no attempt has ever been made to define what is meant by "effective action",

the report says.
Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, for example, sees subsidiarity as administrative devolution. "Under this conception," the report says, "national and local governments and parliaments are, in areas where the Community decides to act, little more than agents of Brussels endowed with a modicum of discretion."

the 30,000 people of Lichtenstein are expected to follow the Swiss lead in their referendum on next week. A conference of all governments is needed to restart the treaty. The treaty extends the EC's

single market laws on the free movement of capital, goods, services and people to all 19 states, with judicial and political machinery heavily weighted in the EC's favour. The seven Efta states agreed to pay nearly £4 billion to the EC's poorest states: the reduction of this "membership fee" after Switzerland's contribution has been taken out may prove controversial with the Spanish government.

Although the wording of the treaty allow the rest to forge ahead, the Swiss hesitation will bolster the anti-EC forces in the four states which are at the head of the queue for EC membership: Austria, Sweden, Finland and Norway. The Swiss have "once again proved themselves deverer in that they will not accept the EEA as an expensive waiting room" for EC membership, Jorg Haider, the Austrian nationalist leader, said last

As western Europe's squab-bling introspection worsens, fringe of the EC may be tempted to abandon hopes for an interim single market and concentrate on joining the dub that matters most to their economies and getting fully inside the EC. But the EEA scheme, unwieldy and tempo-rary although it is, retains some advantages. If the treaty comes into effect, the economic side of membership negotiations with these small, rich states, is already complete. Talks with the EC boil down to disputes over farm subsidies

and whether neutrality is com-patible with EC membership. The door will be left open to Switzerland. The country earns half of its national revenue from external trade and in the past two decades the share of its exports with the EC has risen while the share sent to the rest of the world has dropped. Ingenious and energetic as Swiss exporters are, they face huge difficulties ouside what will be the world's largest free-trade area.

claimed that Switzerland should not sell its birthright of local democracy and independence for mere export oppornunities. The losses caused by self-exclusion from the EEA can be made good, they claim, by deregulation and greater efficiency, and Switzerland can become an alpine Hong Kong. The defeated pro-treaty forces say they risk turning the country into a European Nepal

Anti-treaty campaigners

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Flagging the summit: a youngster is carried aloft through the streets of Edinburgh as the city prepares to play host to Europe's leaders

EC summit to focus on saving battered treaty

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

EVEN before last night's blow from the Swiss referendum, the European Community summit this week looked like an event with a flaw. The leaders who arrive in Edinburgh on Thursday evening will, as Community tradition demands, and referring to the item missing from their the item missing from their agenda: monetary union.

A year ago, ministers at Maastricht were fretting about the fine print and final bar-gaining on the rules and timetable needed to create a single European currency before the century's end. In Edinburgh they will barely mention the subject, soured by this autumn's turmoil in the money markets. None of them could hope to agree on any reforms of the exchange-rate mechanism, and none want to give currency dealers any ex-cuse to test the strength of the system any further. The timetable for monetary union has been shot to pieces by reces-sion and public rebellion.

Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, said a year ago that the Maastricht treaty must set an unbreakable calendar for monetary union and set up a common foreign policy. Now M Delors' agenda already has an antiquated ring. In Edinburgh, the assembled prime ministers will pledge their continued faith to a treaty which may never be implemented because of ratification

problems in Britain and Denmark and whose centrepiece. an irreversible single currency. programme, now not only does not apply to the British and the Danes but is also rejected by the Germans and

declarations of belief in the Maastricht treaty by the governments which signed it are becoming a ritual. The call for speedy ratification at Edinburgh will be odder than most because John Major is suspected of never having liked the document or wanted it written. "The game at Edinburgh is saving the treaty, irrespective of the contents," said one British official. The New York Times last week quoted a senior British official as predicting that even if the treaty was formally ratified, "most of the provisions will

dearly never happen". With European governments mired in recession, saving the present battered version of the treaty is still

preferred to any form of re-

negotiation. The summit will turn on whether the leaders can agree on a special status in the treaty for Denmark and on how that offer goes down with

Much depends on Helmut Kohl, the Germany chancel-lor. If Herr Kohl backs the complex legal formula for Danish opt-outs, opposition will probably melt away. But the pivotal decisions will be taken by two Danish party leaders who are not members of the government and will not be in Edinburgh. Without an approving nod from Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, leader of the Social Democrats, and from Holger Nielsen, leader of the Socialist People's party, no second Danish referendum on Maastricht is likely to

If the Danish debate goes well, the prospects for settling a five-year EC budget will rise. Much of the detail is drafted and outstanding disputes have to be settled by high-level political decision. The key decision lies with Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish prime minister, who can either break up the summit in the hope of winning larger but delayed subsidy or compromise and have the money sooner.

Mr Major can already claim one success: Britain. Denmark and Germany have successfully insisted that talks to take Austria, Sweden, Finland and Norway into the EC can start early next year. But what kind of Community they will enter remains undear.

Spain and Portugal unite against proposed cash cuts

FROM MARTHA DE LA CAL IN LISBON

PORTUGAL and Spain will present a solid front at the European Community summit in Edinburgh this week against John Major's proposal to limit funds for the less developed countries of Portugal, Spain, Greece and the Republic of Ireland as sought by Jacques Delors, the European Commission president. At the seventh Iberian

summit meeting over the weekend in Funchal, Madeira, Anibal Cavaco Silva, the Portuguese prime minister, and Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish premier, said that unless the cohesion funds and increased structural funds were agreed on they woul oppose any enlargement of the Community. Senhor Silva said: "It is no secret that Spain and Portugal consider the proposal presented by Great Britain unacceptable. It is unrealistic and in contradiction to the objectives we agreed on in Maastricht." He said that enlargement, financial programmes, the ratification of the Maastricht, and susidiarity were all linked. "Portugal and Spain want concrete evidence that they will be put into practice in

letter and spirit," he said. The Spanish prime minister said a generous economic package would reactivate the move toward European Union. "A reasonable cohe-

sion policy will benefit not only

the countries in question, but also all of the entire Community." Both leaders declared themselves clearly against a renegoriation of the Maastricht

The prime ministers also called for more aid for offshore islands such as Portugal's Madeira and the Azores and Spain's Canaries, which they referred to as "ultraperipheral" regions. All of their economies suffer from the high cost of transporting their products.

The two countries discussed ways to combat crime, pollution, drugs, the laundering of money, and they agreed to cotions. One of their biggest concerns is the free movement of people from January 1. The immigration of tens of thousands of persons from Portugal's former African territories and from Latin America, great numbers of whom move to Spain to work, has been a bone of contention between the two countries. Spain has urged Portugal to cut off the flow. Two agreements will be signed in February to increase

☐ Leader steps down: Alvaro Cunhal, 79, leader of the Portuguese Communist party for the past 30 years. stepped down last night in favour of Carlos Carvalhas. 50, the party's candidate for president in the last elections.

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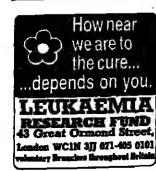
Embattled Yeltsin holds critics at bay

FROM ANNE McElvoy in moscow

PRESIDENT Yeltsin narrowsurvived an attempt by Russia's highest legislature to curb his powers as leader at the weekend when a key vote aimed at stripping him of the right to appoint his own ministers failed by just four Three other amendments opposed by Mr Yeltsin and his reformers were passed by the

Congress of People's Deputies, all strengthening the power of the conservative parlia-ment over the radical government. The result of the vote on the most important amendment is far too close for Mr Yeltsin's comfort and has fuelled the confidence of opponents of reform in the Congress before today's expected big clash over the confirmation in office of Yegor Gaidar, the radical acting prime minister. The scale of opposition

makes Mr Gaidar's future uncertain. His fate is seen as



the last big fight of this Congress, and many liberals are pessimistic about his chances of surviving the ravages of hardliners who are in confident mood after Saturday's near-miss assault on reform. Aleksandr Shokhin, a deputy prime minister, said that he thought the chances of Mr Gaidar being confirmed in office were "very slight Congress will take out its frustration at losing the constitutional vote on the acting prime minister".

Igor Golombovsky, editor of the liberal daily Izvestia said that he "gazed in despair upon Congress", whose intransigence he said would mean a delay or even a reversal to Russian reform. "This is a massive attack from the conservative flank," he said. "The issue is not Mr Gaidar but the whole political future. He is the focal point for the whole effort of reform and if he is ousted now it will not be the result of a compromise by the government but of its defeat." Behind-the-scenes negotiations between the government and the centre-right Civic Union, intended to help to achieve Mr Gaidar's re-elec-

tion, were held at the weekend. Deputies gasped as the results of Saturday's vote flashed up on the giant score-board. the conservatives amazed at their success in grinding down the government's margin of by the swing by centre-right participants to the hardline position of outright hostility to Mr Yeltsin. This was a highly personal vote against Mr Yeltsin and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the conservative chairman, told him gleefully: "Draw your own conclusions from this result. If you continue to strive for absolute rule,

this pyrrhic victory will be your

support, the liberals horrified

last and it will lead to the destruction of the country." The number of deputies who voted to curb Mr Yeltsin's powers, 690, was just short of the two-thirds majority required for constitutional changes but showed there is sufficient opposition to impede the confirmation of Mr Gaidar, who needs more than 50 per cent of the votes to keep his job. The president's right to choose his own government is essential to the continuation of the Western-backed reforms against energetic opposition from those who believe that

intervention to prop up its ailing industries. Mr Yeltsin's aides had indicated that he would have called a referendum on abolishing the Congress had the vote been passed and one close supporter, Father Gleb Yakunin, said that Mr Yeltsin had been prepared to introduce direct presidential rule immediately. This was the

Russia needs a return to state

control of the economy and

peak of the battle between the forces of progress and re-gress," said Fr Yakunin. "We are happy to have survived the encouraging for the future of Although the conservatives

lost the most important vote, deputies voted for other amendments unacceptable to the reformers, calling for the indexing of wages and farm prices, changes to the privati-sation programme and parlia-mentary control over foreign borrowing.
Deputies also rejected a

request by Mr Yeltsin to delete articles in their resolution declaring that the work of the government was unsatisfactory and contradicted the interests of most Russians - a clear anti-reform message. The government has now given up all hope of swinging the truculent deputies behind it and it is simply struggling to get through to the end of the assembly tomorrow with the minimum of damage to its policies and cabinet

Reflecting on the weekend's events, Andrei Nechayev, the economics minister, summed up the reformers' gloom laced with relief that their platform had survived at all after a disastrous Congress: "I'm about as happy as you can be when you have fallen into a swamp but still not drowned."

Democracy takes wraps off sex scandals

FROM ROGER BOYES EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

RUSSIA's Congress of People's Deputies is finding that democracy and sex go together like a horse and carriage. The speaker of the Russian parliament, the bull-necked nationalist Ruslan Khasbulatov, has been accused of seducing a young journalist called Daria Asiamova. The decisive move came after he apparently invited her up to see his pipe collection.

Miss Aslamova went for

vide-ranging discussions and claims that she picked up several other deputies including the shrewd oppositionist Nikolai Travkin. "I love energetic men who dream of re-shaping the world," said Miss Aslamova in the youth magazine Sobesednik.

In Poland, too, there is nothing quite as aphrodisiac as a parliamentary debate ask those former communists who dodged out of the Cham-ber during tedious budget proceedings, allegedly to meet Anastazja Potocka to pursue more intimate discussions. Sex and politics mixed free-

ly under communist rule too - the wife of one hardline member of the Polish politburo caused a small scandal in the 1980s when she publically complained about his mistress - but that was mainly kept under wraps. The party assumed that it was the moral as well as political beacon for society. Censored newspapers kept silent about political love affairs unless the man in-

volved had to be discredited.



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Sexual high jinks at the top are therefore not a novelty in Eastern Europe: the post-communist innovation is writing about them in the new tabloid press, and publishing kiss-and-tell books. Both Miss Potocka - real

name Marzena Domaros and Miss Asiamova allegedly set out to seduce, or be seduced, and then publish. Miss Potocka, posing as a French journalist — French hacks seems somehow more attractive than Dutch or British - strode down the corridors of the Sejm apparently naked under a jacket secured with a single button. She claims to have made love to two deputies, to have been raped by a third and proposi-

tioned by dozens.
Miss Potocka claims that Leszek Miller, a leader of the former communists, was

to an extravagant dinner at the parliamentary restaurant before taking her to bed. Stefan Niesiolowski, how-

ever, a right-winger who has a bible on his desk and is campaigning to tighten the abortion laws, did not sleep with Miss Potocka but, she claims. showed in different ways that he was "obsessed with sex". contained in Miss Potocka's

All these allegations are best-selling memoirs. And most have been denied or shrugged off by those said to be involved. Sexual disclosures enhance rather than diminish reputation in postcommunist society. The same goes for Miss Aslamova's revelations; the political image of both her alleged lovers as powerful men has been

The first assumption about

Miss Aslamova's disclosures was that they were part of a plot to discredit two opponents of President Yeltsin. In Poland too there have been rumours about secret police involvement in kissing and telling. Who, after all. has an interest in advertising the sexual prowess of former Communists, and deriding the Catholic right? Whatever the motive - and the most likely remains commercial profit - the effect has been to increase interest in the parliamentary process. The widely held view that Russian, Polish and partiamentarians in other East European countries were idle time-servers who did little apart from yelling like schoolboys in the Chamber has now been dispelled. If these stories are true, the deputies in question have both energy and imagination

Militants bury hope of harmony in rubble of Indian mosque

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President Sharma "de-

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that such acts are absolutely

against the doctrine and prac-

tices of Hinduism and all

other great religions," it said. Uttar Pradesh is ruled by

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), a Hindu rightist group. Just before the Delhi order, Kalyan

Singh, the state chief minister, resigned. A curfew was imposed last night in many parts of north India and the army

The most serious consequence of the destruction of

the mosque is that it will

further widen the divide be-tween the majority Hindu

was put on alert.

THE Indian government last night imposed direct rule on the northern state of Uttar Pradesh after the destruction of a mosque in Ayodhya by rioting Hindu militants

State-run television, quoting a government spokesman, announced that President Sharma had signed the order under constitutional provisions allowing for direct rule of a state where law and order had broken down. A statement quoted the president as telling P. V. Narasimha Rao the prime minister, "to initiate appropriate and expeditious steps to uphold the rule of law, the maintenance of public order and protection of all law

BJP zealots have let the genie out of the bottle by encouraging Hindu extremism

community and Muslims who form about 11 per cent of India's population and who are resentful that the government could not ensure the safety of their shrine. Muslims fear that if the demand to hand over the Babri mosque in Ayodhya was conceded then Hindus would make claims for other disputed shrines which were once temples. The destruction of the mosque will also have serious repercussions for the Rao government, under criticism by a section of his own Congress (I)

approach towards the BJP demands for building a temple to the Hindu god-king Ram at the site of the mosque. The anti-Rao lobby in the Congress (I) led by Arjun Singh, the central minister for human resource development, has for some time been expressing its unhappiness over Mr Rao's conciliatory approach to the BJP, at the expense of hurting the sentiments of India's 100 million Muslims and negating the secular traditions of the country and the party. It had demanded the dismissal of the

The roling Congress (I) government and the BJP were taken by surprise by yester-day's turn of events. Lal Krishna Advani, the BJP leader, had given an assurance to the Supreme Court and the Rao government that temple work would only be of a symbolic nature involving ceremonial rituals. The BJP leadership has, however, been dearly unable to defuse the temple dispute it had built up by playing to Hindu sentiment.
The reins of the leadership

passed on to a motley group of religious men. Mr Singh's speedy resignation anticipated the imminent

over the temple agitation have

ment by the Rao administra-tion in Delhi for its failure to protect the Babri mosque. Mr Singh had on numerous occasions given a commitment to the government and the courts that the mosque structure would be protected and that he did not require additional assistance from central government forces.

The BJP has capitalised on temple-mosque controversy to woo Hindu voters. In 1991 the BJP swept to power in the state, the most populous in the country, by questioning why in a majority Hindu country a temple could not be built at the site where the god Ram was taliant to the beautiful to the state where the god Ram was taliant to the state where the god Ram was taliant to the state of the state believed to have been born. However, there is little historical evidence to back the claim that Ram's birthplace was at

BJP recently renewed its camfollowers as reneging on its electoral promise to build the temple. The BJP's long-term strategy was to keep the issue on the boil, but it had not bargained that it would be unable to control the momentum of the movement and the

passion it had aroused. Srinagar: The body of H.N. Wanchoo, the Kashmiri human rights activist shot dead by unidentified gunmen. was cremated as a strike called by militant groups to mourn his death paralysed the Kash-

Mosque destroyed, page 1

Last-minute looting rife as US troops head for Somalia

BANDS of gunmen have gone on a last-minute looting spree, ahead of the landing of US troops this week to restore

law and order to Sornalia. The gunmen, convinced that the arrival of American soldiers, backed up by helicop-ter gunships, will end their extortion of aid agencies are now attacking the compounds of relief workers daily, forcing aid workers to move most of their staff in Baidoa city.

On Friday, security guards employed by the Australian wing of the Care aid agency, stole 96 million Somali shillings (£13,000) at gunpoint from the Care compound. The group, along with the International Committee of the Red Cross, handles most of the food aid brought in to Baidoa.

On Saturday night, gun-men again attempted to break into the compound. Yesterday morning a Jeep mounted with a machinegun rammed the steel doors at the entrance to the camp. Lockten Morrissey,

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Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, said at the weekend that UN offici-

als would soon start talks on

national reconciliation with

Somalia's rival warlords in

the hope of creating a new Somali authority. But he said that if the warring

factions cannot agree the

UN might set up a transi-tional administration like

that now overseeing the tran-

sition to democracy in Cam-

bodia after years of civil war.
"Nothing has been been decided." Dr Boutros Ghali

said. "If they |the different

factions will begin to find a

solution to promote a recon-

ciliation then they can have

their own administration. If

they are not able to do this,

then we will have to find a

transitional authority." Dr

Boutros Ghali plans to hold

a preliminary meeting with

rival Somali leaders early

The creation of a Cambo-

dia-style authority in Soma-lia could demand a much

larger UN presence after the

departure of the United

States-led multinational

force than the present plan for about 4.000 peacekeepers. More than 17,000 UN

peacekeepers are stationed

in Cambodia to prepare for

UN-supervised elections

next May, and thousands

more UN staff are helping to

register voters and run key

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FROM SAM KILEY IN BAIDOA

a former Australian soldier in charge of the Care project, said: "Mogadishu [the capital] may be the obvious place to send the Americans. But we need them more than Moga-dishu. If they don't come in here bloody soon we shall be in very bad trouble."

Mr Morrissey has on occasions responded to attacks by gunmen with an equally robust reaction. Last week he poured petrol on an invading armoured Jeep and threat-ened to burn it with its occupants if it did not withdraw. It did so.

Aid agencies such as Care, the Red Cross and Irish Concern are particular targets of the looters because they have to keep large amounts of cash to pay thousands of dollars in airport landing fees and trans-portation expenses for the tons

of food brought in every day. Similar lootings have been attempted in Mogadishu recently but the anticipated arrival of American troops, and

in Somalia, are expected to

land on Somali soil tomor-

row. France, which has of-fered 2,000 soldiers, will

beat the Americans by about

24 hours, sending a detach-ment of 130 Foreign Legion-naires from Djibouii to

Mogadishu today. But the

arrival of American marines

and infantry in a phased deployment will have the

most dramatic impact on the

way were preparing for the deployment on board the USS Tripoli. The amphibi-

ous assault ship, together

with the landing ships USS Juneau and USS Rushmore.

all off Mogadishu, are carry-ing a self-contained marine

force, complete with light tanks, armoured personnel

carriers, helicopters, fuel.

The marines from the 1st

Marine Expeditionary Unit, from Camp Pendleton in California, will fly by helicopter into Mogadishu. They

have 23 helicopters, includ-

ing four Cobras. Although

they will fly in prepared for a hostile welcome, their arrival

is not expected to be seriously

resisted. Both the airfield

and port should be secured

fairly quickly, enabling the remaining 25,000 or so

American troops to fly in at

regular intervals from the

Back-up is to be provided

by the USS Ranger, an aircraft carrier with 70 air-

craft, and two warships, a

guided missile cruiser, USS

Valley Force, and a destroy-

er, USS Kincaid. They are

expected off Somalia from

the Gulf later today or

Ethiopia has also agreed

to allow the American forces

to use their territory to cross

into Somalia and a detach-

ment of 40 American ma-

United States.

food and water.

Somali capital.

UN leader hints

at protectorate

By James Bone in New York

and Michael Evans in London

The United Nations is the Pentagon's code name for the relief of the starving

the presence of armed Pakistani soldiers of the United Nations peacekeeping force at the airport, appear to have contained the worst excesses. Yesterday, 20,000 tons of food was moved out of the capital. marking the first shipment in

hree weeks.

Nobody in Baidoa knows how the American soldiers are to be deployed in Somalia, but aid workers agree that it is likely that troops will arrive in Baidoa by air from the Kenyan city of Mombasa at the same time as soldiers go ashore in Mosadishu. "If they ashore in Mogadishu. "If they don't come here at the same time as Mogadishu then we will be very exposed and are in great danger of being kid-napped by gunmen fleeing into the bush," Helen Fitzgerald, a volunteer nurse with the

The agency, which has specialised in setting up feed-

While the situation in Baidoa is getting desperare, the atmosphere in Mogadishu is almost festive in anticipation of the arrival of American troops. Yesterday, General Muhammad Farrah Aidid's forces launched an assault on Baidere, 110 miles south of Baidoa, which is held by General Mohamed Hersi Morgan, the son-in-law of Somalia's ousted president, Mohamed Siad Barre. The movement of General Aidid's

local population and aid agencies in Baidoa.

| Washington: Smith Hempstone, the US ambassador to The troops of the 10th Mountain Division (Light), based at Fort Drum in New York, were awaiting their detailed orders yesterday. They will fly into Somali on transport planes once the marines have secured the airfield and port at Yesterday, the 1,800 ma-rines who will lead the

Department this month.

I do not think Somalia is amenable to the quick-fix so beloved of Americans," his note said. "The one beneficial" effect a major American intrusion into Somalia is likely to have may be to reunite the Somali nation - against us," he said. (Reuter)

Irish agency Goel, said.

ing programmes in villages to try to stem the huge flow of refugees into Baidoa, was yesterday unable to operate south of the city because of the lawlessness. Kevin Hayes, Goal's local administrator, said: "If nurses went out into the villages at this time they could be cut off as a result of trouble in the town and there would be no way of getting

'regulars" has left the most venal and cowardly elements of his militia to plunder the

Kenya, said yesterday that American troops in Somalia could face heavy casualties, US News and World Report reported. "If you liked Beirut, you will love Mogadishu," he was quoted as saying in a cable sent to the US State



Welcome burden: Somalis unload rice donated by French schoolchildren. US troops will soon be deployed to help police the aid operation

China urged to discuss Patten reforms calmly

BY JAMES PRINCIE

CHINA was yesterday urged to discuss plans to extend democracy in Hong Kong rather than address the British colony through a megaphone. Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador to China, said that despite Peking's angry attacks on Chris Patten, Britain's relations with China

remained good. Arriving here for routine talks with Mr Patten, the Hong Kong governor, he said: The important thing now is for the Chinese side to start to talk instead of addressing us through megaphone." He added that Mr Patten should stick to his policy "because the British government has extended firm and strong

Peking has condemned Mr Patten's plans to increase the number of directly-elected members of Hong Kong's Legislative Council before the colony's handover to China in 1997, and has threatened to tear up contracts made by Mr Patten's government when it takes power. The threats trig-gered a sharp fall on the stock market last week and calls by some stockbrokers for Mr Patten to resign for the sake of

economic prosperity.

As a politician rather than a

COMMENTARY

civil servant. Mr Patten shows every sign of relishing the battle that he has provoked. although he could lose. He has, however, shown everyone the nature of the beast Hong Kong will have to deal with

For some experts, above all Sir Percy Cradock, Margaret Thatcher's former chief adviser on China and Hong Kong. Mr Patten's proposals will only antagonise Peking and lead to a more repressive system "of indefinite duration". The Chinese leadership, as seen from the mass killings at Tiananmen Square, is pre-



Patten: relishing the

pared to act ruthlessly when its interests are threatened.

Western suggestions that China will not hurt Hong Kong's prosperity because it is so important to Peking's long march to modernisation are no more than wishful thinking. Deng Xiaoping, the senior Chinese leader, or his successors, are quite capable of expelling en masse the population of Hong Kong after 1997 if they prove troublesome and repopulating the colony with people from the teeming prov-

ince of Sichuan. The main reason why the Chinese leaders are being so tough on Mr Patten is because they are afraid of his ideas. They fear that the notion of democracy could revive the mass movement that led to Tiananmen.

Although the expatriate Hong Kong stockbrokers believe Mr Patten has badly misread Peking, there are many in the colony who resent attempts by the stockbrokers to nestle up to China's authori-

tarian regime and write the agenda for Hong Kong.

The common view in the colony is that Mr Patten has the support of most its residents. But Mr Patten, a keen poker and bridge player, will need all his nerve as the Chinese gerontocracy displays its ruthless nature.

Howls of protest at plan to cull wolves

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

OVER the past two centuries the native American grey wolf has been shot, poisoned and environmentally beleaguered to the point of extinction throughout the United States, with the notable exception of Alaska. There the thriving population is about 7,000 wolves, and the authorities want to start culling them.

Last month, the Alaska Board of Game approved a plan to shoot 300 wolves a year. The plan was aimed at augmenting herds of caribou and moose, in turn increasing

the berds for hunters. Walter Hickel, the governor of Alaska and a supporter of the proposed kill, was deluged with angry letters threatening to cancel holidays in the state. The Fish and Wildlife Service alone received some 9,000 letters, mostly angry. On Friday, the governor announced the kill would be indefinitely postponed and a "wolf summit" would be held in January Where conservationists would be invited to discuss the future of Alaska's wolves. Mr Hickel and his colleagues could be forgiven for being surprised at the

strength of the reaction. In the American public consciousness the wolf has recently transformed from a ravenous, indiscriminate killer to a symbol of the wild. Once seen as only marginally less pesky than the coyote, their numbers were drastically reduced by co-ordinated poisoning campaigns, while ranchers offered bounties for slain wolves. Many environmentalists now argue that the wolf plays a vital part in the food chain and in areas such as Yellowstone Park, where such predators have been virtually extinct for 50 years, the return of the wolf would belp to regulate the overgrown herds of deer and elk.

Israelis tire of Rabin's poor progress

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

FIVE months after he won a landslide election promising to the Middle East, Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, is being criticised for his government's lackinstre per-formance. Although the Israeli leader.

who arrived in Rome yesterday and is expected in London tomorrow, came to power on a wave of enthusiasm, there is mounting disillusionment among Israelis and Palestinians over his perceived failure to meet his promises. The most notable example will be illustrated today in Washington when Israeli and Arab negotiators embark on the eighth round of the atrophied Middle East peace talks, where none of the participants

is even pretending that progress is possible. Even Mr Rabin, who predicted in July that he would have an agreement with Palestinians on the future of the

occupied territories within mine months, is privately resigned to the probability that there is little chance of real change before he visits Washington in March for talks with Bill Clinton, who takes over as president next month.

Palestinians allege that in addition to the stalled diplomatic scene, Mr Rabin, who also serves as defence minister, has failed to improve the conditions for the 1.8 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, who this week mark the fifth anniversary of their local uprising.

Since he came to power the number of Arabs killed has increased, with more than 50 Palestinians shot dead by the security forces; the latest victim was a teenager killed by sol-diers in his classroom in Gaza at the weekend.

The Labour-led coalition government insists that it has made substantial changes to improve relations with its Arab neighbours and the Palestinians. Mr Rabin has confirmed publicly that he is prepared to make territorial concessions to Syria over the occupied Golan Heights in exchange for peace. He has slowed down the

expansion of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories and cut subsidies to the settlers. More recently the Israeli government, with the prime minister's grudging approval, took the first step in the Knesset to lifting the restriction on contacts with the outlawed Palestine Liberation Organisation.
These changes of emphasis

have not yet been reciprocated by the Arab side, and most Israelis would be hard pressed to show any concrete improvement in their day-to-day lives since the rightwing Likud party fell from power in June. internally, even the normal-

has begun haranging the will nevertheless have to work hard to make up the lost time.

government for its general lack of direction and specifically for its failure to improve the country's economy and to restore faith in the military after public disputes between the general staff. "Five months after what was

described as being a political upheaval, there is an uncomfortable feeling of a missed opportunity. The impression is that nothing is going right," Yoel Marcus, a respected columnist, wrote in the Hagretz newspaper. "Nothing is moving and if it is moving, it seems only to be going back-wards. One already senses an atmosphere of doubts concerning the ability of the government to solve the coun-

try's problems."

Although most critics admit that it may be too early to write off Mr Rabin after only the first five months of his fouryear term, they predict that he

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led military intervention in Somalia. Dr Boutros Ghali has said repeatedly that his main concern is not the deployment of the 30,000 troops but the rehabilitation of the country after they leave. He plans to establish a
UN special fund for contributions to Somalia, believing the country will need "massive assistance" for reconstruction, rehabilitation, return of refugees, administration and a new police force. He is also insisting that disarmament is essen-

The first American troops of Operation Restore Hope.

Carjacking is the latest peril to haunt lone women. But, Linda Grant asks, is the danger real, or a cynical hype?



Fear on the road to nowhere

n November 27. the *Daily* Express reported that a 25-year-old advertising consultant had been held hostage in her car and forced on a "nightmare" ride by a "crazed per-vert". Four days earlier the paper had told of a 22-year-old office worker whose car had stopped in traffic when a "knife-wielding thug" jumped into the back seat and forced her to drive on. Less than three months before that, a hotel proprietor on her way to a late-night showing of Alien 3 ran across six lanes of motorway after her car broke down on the hard shoulder and a "powerfully-built" attacker put his hand through the window and tried to grab her hair.

If the newspapers are to be believed, the latest import from America, along with serial killing and computer hacking, is carjacking attacking a woman in her car when it is parked, idling at traffic lights or broken down on the motorway. Carjacking, the averagely concerned women driver would gather, has reached crisis proportions.

Within the last ten days of November four cases were reported, two in London and two in Liverpool. In America, Today announced, carjacking has become a "nationwide epidemic". A Congress sub-committee on crime pushed through legislation earlier this year which imposed sentences of between 15 years and life for carjacking. It is an offence which seems to have come from nowhere. The first reported American case occurred only last year. Since then, large cities such as Detroit have been daiming 20 a week.

According to the tabloids, car-acking is only to be averted by following a lengthy list of motoring do's and don'ts. Keep your car doors

> There is a moment in the The Paper Chase — subtitled "How to Clear

Your Desk" - when Dawn

French lies whimpering across a pile of files while Jennifer

Saunders tries to persuade her

to throw them away.
The film's executive produc-

er, Margaret Tree, might not

be quite such a paperholic, but she understands that foible.

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locked at all times, women are advised. Never leave the passenger window open, even in warm weather. Don't leave anything in view which could identify you as a woman, such as make-up, hats or scarves. Buy a personal alarm and a car alarm. Keep a map in the car at all times so you never have to stop and ask the way. Sensible precautions? Or has media hysteria constructed a British copycat crime-wave out of a few isolated incidents?

As violent crime against women escalates, women seem to be safe nowhere, whatever they are doing. Stay at home and you risk domesti violence. Go to work and you'll be sexually harassed. Take a walk and you're asking to be mugged. Use public transport and you're taking your life into your hands. Get a man to accompany you and you're putting yourself under the protection of a potential date-rapist. Drive and you're a target for carjackers.

And there is one group which by its very existence might as well be wearing sandwich boards saying: "Attack Me — I'm Vulnerable." These are, of course, career women. What other reason would a woman have to be driving without a male escort - as if shopping, taking children to school or visiting friends were tasks exclusively accomplished

by husbands? Is there a genuine risk for women motorists or is the carjacking "epi-demic" no more than the latest manifestation of male anxiety about women's independence, an attempt to turn the whole world into a no-go zone? Last month the RAC launched its in-car phone service, a direct, push-button line to summon a patrolman and the police. While the service was designed to assist drivers who

had broken down, the television advertising campaign was targeted at women drivers. It would have recalled, in many viewers' minds, the case of Marie Wilkes, whose car broke down on the motorway and who was murdered after she had gone for help. Within a week of the device going on the market, the RAC says it received 5,000 enquiries.

Women in responsible positions resent being cast as victims by the media. Ann Koch, the deputy editor of The World This Weekend, the Radio 4 news programme, has, when driving at night on dark country

> 'If you took all this to heart you'd never go anywhere'

roads, considered a device like the one the RAC markets, but drives with her car doors unlocked and dismisses claims that carjacking is the terror that stalks career women. "Drawing public attention to safety is good, but if you took all this to heart you'd never go anywhere. I don't think women should be walking around in armour." She believes that the real safety issue is not about carjacking but the dangers of badly lit roads and

car-parks.

Eighteen months ago, Birmingham City Council tried to open a women's-only car-park, reflecting research which showed that 75 per cent of 500 women questioned locally felt vulnerable in multi-storey parking facilities. But the scheme was opposed by the Equal Opportunities Commission, which argued that it was illegal to offer a service to women only. An inspector with the West Midlands police said she would not use it because she did not believe men and women should be segregated.

When it opened it was offered to anyone who felt uneasy with ordinary car-parks. Not surprisingly, women gave it a wide berth, reasoning that if men could use it, it would be an obvious magnet for attackers.

Edmund Ring, a spokesman for the RAC, agrees that the carjacking scare has been hyped up. "We've been saying for a long time that if a woman abides by our 20-point programme of motoring safety, then she will have a minute risk of being carjacked," he says. "I lived in Los Angeles for a few years and I never had a problem because I never went into dangerous areas."

But many women drivers find it impossible to avoid neighbourhoods where potential attackers may lurk. Cindy George, who started Ladycabs, the women-only taxi service, ten years ago, takes carjacking more seriously. Women need to be made aware that it's a big bad world out, there with a lot of weirdos in it," she says. Women who are careful tend to be dismissed as being paranoid." It is Ladycabs's policy that drivers never leave their vehicle to ring doorbells unless by prior arrangement in order to help a disabled person. And their car doors are kent locked.

So what happens when the careful women driver is involved in an accident and locked doors trap her inside her car? After all, it happened to Ms George's daughter, whose central locking jammed after a head-on collision. "It's a Catch 22," Ms George says. "You've got to weigh up the odds. It's more on the cards that some weirdo will jump into your car at the lights than you'll be in an accident." Mr King argues that since carjacking tends to happen in urban areas where speed limits are lower and the chances of serious accidents diminished, locking the doors should not be a problem.

To those whose business it is to research crimes against women, the hysteria surrounding carjacking is no more than another way of cashing in on women's insecurities. "It's silly to frighten women, because fear itself Peggs, a spokesperson for the National Victim Support Scheme. People are making profits from terrifying women who don't know the

f the newspapers really want to be helpful about crime preven-tion, they should talk about domestic violence," she says. "Only 12 per cent of women who are murdered are killed by a stranger. There are things that women can do to protect themselves against carjacking, but it's worrying when women get scared about something that is not likely to happen."

Making a killing from women's anxieties about their safety can backfire in the face of those companies apparently most eager to promote their concern for women's needs. An American executive, in Britain for a meeting with Vodaphone (which makes car phones, supposedly the essential accessory for lone women), was allegedly assaulted in a car by one of the company's employees.

Perhaps women may consider imitating another American phenomenon: the Thelma and Louise theory - travel in pairs, and armed.

a guide to the envi-

ronmentally sound

The successful

formula seems to

have stemmed from

two factors: the real-

isation by Mr Cleese

and company that

in the television age

the small screen was

the most alluring

medium for any message, and that

could be sugared

enjoy something you will remember

it, whereas you

with humour.

Anne example to us all

h, we are pleased about the Princess Royal! Delighted. ing. Were it not lese majeste (and short of H.M. herself, they don't come much more majestic than Anne: I tell you, H.R.H. can rivet you to the walkovering with that wide, sharp serious eye of hers) we would clap her on the back. Over the moon, we

By "we", I mean the natural Anne fans. A legion of slightly foxed, travelweary working women on the shady side of 40, who identify ever more closely with the Princess Royal as years go by The royal family's main role these days is to provide handy archetypes by which to judge and discuss our own ives and behaviour, a quirk to which few of us are immune. And while trying hard to maintain gentleness, good humour and understanding as requested by H.M., it must be said that we have become senously out of tune with other models of princess lately. Not being quite old enough to start identifying with the

pretty grateful for the Queen's We are daughter. Anne fans quietly approve the way she works confident so hard, and stands so little that their like the practirelationship cal fatigues she has never the Children included Fund journeys, profiterole if photo-oppor tunities require

than to stand still and look towards the camera. We like the way she eems to be with children: after the irolicsome effusiveness of the Duchess of York and the dangerously damp-eyed empathy of the Prin-cess of Wales, her bracing practical kindness and ruthless fund-raising comes as

no more of her

something of a relief. Plenty of divorced women vill have recognised, too, the skill that went into her own dignified divorce, and the studied friendliness of subsequent family reunions. They silently applauded her, knowing that the art of minimising the suffering of divorce to children requires concentration, resolution. and a willingness to take a certain amount of — face it — personal humiliation.

So we are pleased about her marriage to Commander Laurence. But what we most crow about, I suspect, is the total absence of fairytale about it. We have had royal fairy-tales up to here. We wish we had never wallowed in that marshmallow Cartland fantasy of innocent young Diana and her wise yet vulnerable older Prince. We enjoyed the white crinkly dress at the time, but now feel a bit queasy about it.

Then we had the Jilly Cooper fairy-tale, as enacted by Sarah Ferguson. In this version the sexy, bouncy girl

titles in 32 languages which can be rented for £140 for two

days, for example, or bought outright for about £900. A

best-seller might have been

seen by as many as five million

The films work abroad because of this business of

recognition; if something

rings true it travels," she says.

Japan, however, has remained

secretary because her parents

- her father was a dergyman

in Wales — insisted on a secretarial course followed by

six months of work to prove

she could support herself. A job at Rediffusion Television

convinced her she wanted to

make programmes and at 43

she has never regretted her

decision. "I did once play John's secretary in one of our

riginally Ms Tree wanted to be an ac-

tress; she became a

people world-wide.

unresponsive.



LIBBY PURVES

amid trappings of flashy skiwear, profiteroles, pranks and whoops of laughter. And we thought OK, but what happens when they actually have to do some thing? You know, get on with life, have children. have rows, sort out their

But now we have the non fairy-tale. Nobody is foolig by those few pictures of the Princess and the Com mander dancing the Dash-

Queen in that passionate way our mothers do, we are relationship fights'

erole fights, showing off to one mothe in helicopters, or the word

Even better, they go sailing together. Everyhold knows that sailing boats (in northern British moored up wild and storing old Cannes) is a portuit which appeals to a per her kind of couple. The kind who don't mind treading on a each others fingers as they who are secure enough in their personal allure to risk being seen throwing up over the rail in a woolly bobble-hat, and who prove their mutual confidence not with prolonged and tearful. telephone calls, but by going to sleep in a wet bonk, and trusting the other notion pile up the boat on Ardnamurchan Point mean-

Couples in short, who prefer to work for their brief romantic moments on idyllic anchorages and do not make too much fuss when the idyllic anchor drags at 3am. Anne fans — practical unglamorous, battered old boots that we are - applend all of this, and Commander Laurence too. We give her our unqualified blessing. And what makes it all:

even better is that we know, with peaceful certainty, that she doesn't give a damp. whether we do or not. "

administrator with the Society of Film Distributors. It's a question of being organised, though there are always shoups like the other day when I found speech day was in the home diary but not the office one, I got there in the nick of

Sometimes the domestic is grist for the professional mill.

"When I have bad service I make a careful note of it for

future use. It's sweet revenge The next film on custom relations may well feature Ms. Tree's recent encounter with a double glazing salesman. "He refused to do his presentation because my husband wasn't there," she says. "In the end he went off saying he had a lot of other people to sell to. And do you know we actually wanted some double glazing?

LIZ GILL

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Success is simply a matter of failure

With the help of Britain's leading comedians, Margaret Tree has become a

world leader in demonstrating to firms how not to go about their business

clear your desk day. We filled 70 black plastic sacks which is not bad for a staff of 64. You have to practise what you

Since her company provides training programmes for industry and commerce this means implementing the sort of managerial, financial and organisational skills it teaches to others. The philosophy

seems to have paid off. From its beginnings 20 years ago, when John Cleese and Antony Jay made a film about after-sales service called Who Sold You This, Then?, Video Arts has grown to become number one in its field in this country and number two in the United States. Turnover last year was £13 million and a typical production has a budget of between £150,000 and £200,000.

Ms Tree, who was originally taken on as a production assistant on a three-week con-tract, became its joint managing director three years ago after she helped lead a \$44 million management buy out. Last Friday the company became the first of its kind to receive a British Standards Institution award for excel-

Ms Tree, who now has an office in Oxford Street, confesses to the occasional nostalgic hankering for the early

days when the company was run from her flat in Putney. "We had in effect a blank sheet of paper and we invented as

we went along." Many of the examples of bad practise in the films stem from real life. "After my secretariai training I went to work in a shipping office in the East End and it was an appalling experience. This guy did not even ask my name, it was 'do this, type that', without even the com-

mon courtesies. Ms Tree is now Mr Cleese's boss, instead of the other way round. "He has a long-term contract but no title. He said he'd always fancied being an archduke but we didn't think we could

accommodate that." In the early years casting was done on the basis of the founders' pals doing favours. Now there is a cachet to being asked. The work is also well-



Tree: "Before us, training programmes used to be very dull and worthy"

paid and relatively swift: most films take about five days to

She has worked with almost every comedian and character actor of note from Rowan Atkinson (who got his first film

role in one of their productions) through Fry and Laurie, Smith and Jones, Rik Mayall, Harry Enfield and Robert Lindsay to Julie Walters and Timothy West. Even the Prince of Wales contributed to

grammes used to be very dull and worthy. We like to focus on all-time truths: ing, how to develop telephone skills, how to deal with customers. At the same time management is developing and

how to run a meetchanging all the time so you never run out of subjects." The company now has 200

won't if you are hored rigid." Ms Tree says. "Before us training proearly productions but I never want to be in front of the camera now. I wouldn't stop my daughter going on the stage, though, but she says what she wants to be is a marine biologist." Ms Tree took five months

off to have Holly, now 13, juggling work and home in the years since with the help of daily nannies and husband George Nicholson, a former



If it doesn't fit, then flaunt it

Grunge, like punk, was born out of rebellion. Now, also like punk, it is slouching from the street to high chic



Fashion IAIN R.

ust when it looked as if things were slowing down, and the thrill of dressing in Gap T-shirts was beginning to wear thin; a moment or two before it appeared that the recession was here for ever, and nothing was ever

going to get customers back into the stores, something happened.

Grunge is probably the most talked about phenomenon since punk, and indeed there are parallels between the two. Both originated as street fashion, both have must as their from and course. music as their focus, and grunge appears to be achieving cult status among the fashionable faces of New York, in much the same way that punk was picked up by middle class art students in London. Already the fall-out surrounding grunge echoes the effect which punk had on fashion and the media in the late 1970s.

Although grunge is now the buzzword on the lips of the beau monde, it first surfaced in America. as a sub-culture at the tail end of the Sonic Youth and The Butthole Surfers, pinpointed the malaise of disaffected youth, and its rejection of Wall Street values. A year or so ago the only music listened to in photographic studios in every fash-ion capital was that of the band Nirvana. Everybody had the alburn, Nevermind, and everybody loved the new sound of Seattle.

Of course, with the sound goes the look. Like the music it takes an anti-stance. In America this summer the box office favourite with the fashionable cognescenti was a film called Singles which provided a template for the grunge image an "l-don't-care-about-fashion" look which has itself become a fashion formula. Wordy T-shirts, stripey pants, checkered shirts, all meticulously thrown together. Mismatching just perfectly.

see that designers Marc lacobs, Christian Francis with the new grunge way of thinking. They are among the younger hipper-than-thou imagemakers who spend their leisure hours watching MTV, and listening to the latest sounds. Previously, all three designers had shown their colours by sending out on to the runways 1970s-inspired fashions which resembled East Village flea market finds. It is this trinity which has gone mad for grunge, and focused the ailing industry on a new way of wearing what for most must appear old clothes. Mr Jacobs, who designs the Perry Ellis range, sees grunge as "a hippied romantic version of punk", paraphrasing the crossover of references and imagery into one succinct

Grunge draws its inspiration from various sources. It would be difficult to identify exactly where and when it began, as its global cross-pollination is all-important to the end result. For several seasons in Paris the deconstructivist movement of design has been spearheaded by Helmut Lang, Martin Margiela, Jean Colonna and even, although she is technically part of the establishment, Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons. Between them a new silhouette was born. with long skinny arms, long droopy skirts, and inside-out construction. Their clothes delighted the avantgarde and the very young. Among them was the fashion editor of British Elle, Anna Cockburn. Two seasons ago Ms Cockburn



Maroon/black atripe blazer, £495, by Moschino Cheap & Chic at Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1. Blue/gold/red check slik shirt, £60 approx, by Fenn Wright & Mason from selected branches of John Lewis. Cherry/grey/white stripe polo neck sweater, £43, Benetton stores nationwide (071-731 4564). Red and black tights (wom as hat), £3.85, Jonathan Aston Ringers from Selfridges, Oxford Street, London, W1

sat at the foot of a catwalk in Paris watching Linda Evangelista model a Comme des Garçons military-style greatcoat, bereft of sleeves, unfinished seams trailing in the wind. She must have smiled inside. There she sat in her Laurence Corner second-hand military greatcoat (much too big for her tiny frame) trailing the floor, her skinny rib sweater too tight, her hair chopped and spiked, looking as though she had given the scissors to her little sister and said, "Go ahead was a kind of Shirley Partridge post-punk coiffure, which has become the second favourite style of forward thinking hairstylists. Most-favoured is the "just-let-if-growand-flow look, as worn by Kate Moss, the model of the moment who embodies grunge with her little girl looks. She is the antithesis

But what then, you must be thinking, does all this have to do with me As with punk, which began as a

squalid-looking street fashion but

of supermodel glamour.

immortalised in ripped silk jersey Rhodes, the after-effects of grunge will turn the fashion world about face. The dramatic change in style will have customers queueing as the new goods are delivered, or at the very least approaching their wardrobes with a refreshed eye.

The look is very much about styling, putting clothes together in a different way. Or, in the case of working things from a new angle. The hat worn by the model in our picture is simply a pair of tights knotted and pinned into place. The overall effect is extreme, dothes are either too small or too big. They are draped around the body, layer upon layer, and yet still manage to reveal flesh. The clothes designed by Roth, Jacobs and Sul are inspirational, they will be worn by very few, but their effect will be felt anyone interested in fashion. by anyone interested in fashion. Mr Roth is not a great designer, but what he has done with this

latest collection is epitomise a feeling. "It's something from the soul of the designer," he says.
What Mr Roth's soul is saying

has been noted and refined by more experienced, merchandiseorientated designers. At the same collections in New York, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren and Donna Karan all presented shows which embodied grunge consciousness. This overpowering drift towards something new will filter. into trends for 1993. So what to look out for? Layers are all important, sheer

Unconstructed outlines make much of the body, dresses droop, and trousers (bell-bottomed or just wide) fall low on the hip. Nothing is supposed to fit, be it little shrunken sweaters, or patterns (florals, stripes and plaids) which don't match. Shoes are chunky, as a foil for the lightweight looks. The impression is liquid, but if you're still not sure, read the T-shirt. With youthful arrogance it tells you what to think: This is wonderful.

"This is wonderful" black T-shirt, £25 approx, by Antoni & Alison at Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1; Liberty, Regent Street, SW1; Maison, 46-49 Neal Street, WC2; American Retro, 35 Old Compton Street, W1. Long button-through navy/white polike dot dress, £54.99: Next Directory, Style No M90341 (0345 100 500). Long button through black crépe lace dress by Ghost (available in January), £234, at Whistles shops nationwide; Joannes Tent, 289 Kings Road, SW3. Wide black/white polika dot jersey trousers.

£497, by Jean Muir to order; Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1; 2497, by Jean Mulr to order; harvey Nicrois, Knightschloge, SVT1, Lucienne Phillips, Knightschloge, SW1; Fortnum & Meson, Piccadilly; Robell, Baker Street, W1; Palmers, Motcomb Street, SW1; Olive Walton, 137 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham. Black suede desert boots, 235.99, by Clarks from Shellys, all London branches (081-450 0066). Photographs: Martyn Thompson. Make-up: Sharon Ive. Hair: Adam Meli for Continues of Hampetsed Letter Internation. Smithers-Jones of Hampstead using hairpieces from Trendco, 229 Kensington Church Street, W8, or mall-order 0273 774977/777503



Designer guide to the perfect mismatch









"Hippy, punk, romance": designs by (from left) Marc Jacobs (two outfits for Perry Ellis), Christian Francis Roth, Anna Sui

A chance to get in on the Fashion Acts

FASHION Acts was launched in 1987 as an initiative to raise money for people affected by Aids. Its latest spectacular, the Fashion Acts charity fashion show, on Friday at Earls Court 2. London, promises an exclusive peek at the international collections, plus a preview of many spring-summer 1993 ranges, and the chance to see how eight national newspapers

interpret fashion trends as they each create a

link

family under one roof.

End. The merchandise is spe-

by the fashion editor of The Times. Tickets are available at office (071-370 8399) but Fashion Acts is offering ten £20 tickets free to readers of The Times. Requests, on a postcard with your name, address and daytime phone number, to: Fashion Department, The Times, Pennington Street, London El 9XN. The first ten postcards will receive free tickets.

scene in a specially commissioned segment. This cifically aimed at men, al-Making the though, with the vogue for menswear styling, it will inter-

est women looking for accesso-

BUYING presents for ries to complete the image. women, young or old, is easy. Trying to find something for From silk embroidered waistcoars for less than £20, uncle Harry, nephew Tom, or through a vast selection of ties brother Dick is quite another which run from the amusing matter. As the nun-up to to the serious, braces, boxer Christmas becomes mad dash. shorts, cuff links, and cravats, it is comforting to find store it is an Aladdin's cave of not which can provide treats for all only useful, but unusual items the male members of your which will certainly be far more appreciated than those Off The Cuff has had a good grey socks were last year. Off The Cuff, 350 Oxford year, and is celebrating by opening its fourth (and larg-Street, London W1 (new store) est) store in London's West

and nationwide.

Feasting at Harvey's

AFTER kitting out the entire family, and home, from the first four floors (and basement) of Harvey Nichols department store, it is reassuring to know that it is now possible to fill your kitchen shelves on their fifth floor, which houses a food hall and restaurant. The food hall is packed with all manner of delicacies, and Harvey Nichols's own-brand label necessities, such as tea. coffee, jams, marmalades and mustards, strikingly packaged in silver, black and white.



Hartnell's last royal bride:

Dressed like a princess

HARTNELL is closing but the dothes will live on. As the royal courturiers were shutting up shop, The Wedding Company was snapping up the range of wedding dresses cre-ated for Hartnell (whose last royal bride was Princess Margaret) under Marc Bohan.

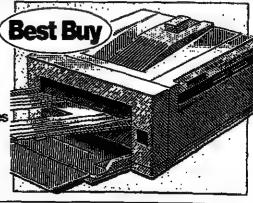
The Deluxe Wedding Dress Collection was to have been marketed by Hannell at prices ranging from £3,000 to £16,000. Now it will be offered at prices from £1,250 to £4,500 in a sale to be held next weekend. The dresses, in sizes 8 to 12, are made in chiffon. embroidered duchess satin and tafetta dupion, and feature fine lace and jewelled

Appointments can be made to view the collection by tele-phoning 081-336 2117 or 081-949 1999. The Wedding Company sale will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London, from noon to 6pm on Saturday and from 10am to 4pm on Sun-



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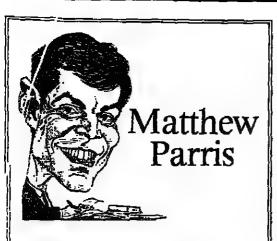
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Mixed-up babies are the visible face of a human identity crisis

he news that a hospital has mistakenly substituted one baby for another raises a number of large issues, none of which I plan to address. For instance, we cannot yet be sure whether this really was a mistake, or part of Mr Major's vision of a classless society, like the recent jumbling up of names and results in the schools examination league tables. This issue I

shall ignore.

And we should brace ourselves to resist with scepticism the avalanche of new appeals against birth certificates which must be about to engulf our medico-legal system. Every so often, as we all know, a white mother surprises her white husband and family by giving birth to a black haby: and the custom has been to blame the mother. Her protestations have been treated as routine and disregarded. But now I expect that thousands of women who in their time have been turned out into the snow, noisily divorced or quietly put aside, will be marching on the Department of Health at the Elephant and Castle to demand justice. This prospect, too. I

shall ignore.

Just as I shall ignore the likelihood that for huge numbers of children the news will confirm what has always been their hunch: that the people who claim to be their parents cannot possibly be their real ones. The day the hospital's error was confirmed, literally millions of us must have read the story and thought:

"Hm. I wonder..."

I know I did. From the day my father spelt

my name wrong for the first time, and the day my mother took me. aged six, to a fancy dress party as "Christmas Past", dressed in a nappy with a big safety pin, I have always known that I was really somebody else's child. My sister, wrapped in crepe paper as "Christmas Present" for the same competition, and my brother Roger, who was forced to go completely naked as "Christmas to Come", have never entirely recovered from the scars. My brother was only four and too small to rebel. My wrapped, but that she was so badly wrapped. All three of us realised at once that our apparent parents must have kidnapped us at birth. There can hardly be a reader who cannot recall being seized with a similar conviction.

or — Christmas being in our thoughts — can it be long before one of the trendier Church of England bishops takes the opportunity to shock us by speculating that we now have an explanation for the socalled virgin birth. Mary was set up. She was homeless, and not pregnant at all: just tired and fat like many women.

A victim of the incompetent management of an opted-out Bethlehem hospital trust which had ended up with a spare baby, the rough-sleeping Mary's indisposition in the stable was used by the visiting district nurse as a cover to plant the child. In their horror (the bishop will suggest) she and Joseph made up the story about the angel afterwards. The bishop will conclude with a denunciation of Tory policies on the NHS, and homelessness, and ask us to see the real message of Christmas behind every box in cardboard city at Waterloo Station. Outraged MPs will call for his dismissal. From this, too, your columnist turns aside . . .

To the only question, arising from the hospital blunder, which really interests trie. It is this: does it really matter which baby you bring home?

Would it make the least difference to our world if maternity clinic matrons had for years heen operating a secret lottery with newborn babies. How many diners would truly know the difference if the expensive wine the wine waiter opened with such flourish at their table was not the one they ordered? Without the label to guide us, how many would spot the difference if the Ashbourne water we requested turned out to be Malvern, or Perrier? Can I really distinguish between Bells and Grants? What, anyway, between friends, is one barry as opposed to another? And does it marier whether the Rodin you so proudly display is a "real" Rodin, or

You may be sure that these questions provoke an angry and confused response wherever they are asked. They touch a raw nerve among wine-funciers, whisky drinkers, mothers, art-lovers and connoisseurs of borded water. They do su for a good mason. They expose an area of unconscious philosophical anxiety. It is the question we call the question of identity.

oes it rnatter that this skull is the actual, skull of Tsar Nicholas? We feel that it does. Why does it matter? We are lost for at answer. Does it matter that this is a genuine Mattisse, rather than just a perfect, indistingui shable copy? We feel that it must. Why does it marter? We know we cannot say.

Does it make any difference that this is the

child of ray loins, rather than somebody else's? Throughout history there has been little that mattered more. But can I justify it? Can I provide towards the child should change if I knew this particular configuration of human cells was not' mine"? Even before trying, I know that any attempt to venture into logic would be disastrous, would end in an unconvivial o inclusion.

Every scientific argument, every practical test, must lead inescapably to this observation: that differences between things or creatures which relate not to any quality in them which can now be discerned, or any characteristic they now exhibit, or ability they now possess - but relate, instead, to some presumed fact about their origin - cannot alter their present value to us. Not, anyway, on an objective view. That with part of our mind - we know.

But with another part of our mind we know that they can. We are uncomfortably aware of the inconsistency. Occurrences which remind us of it are disturbing, for they remind us of a lie which is quite important to us: the lie of "identity". Identity, you see, is a sort of lie: a vain construct of the human imagination. We do know that. ..

Careless hospitals, clever art forgers, and the manufacturers of fake Swiss watches, should therefore watch out; you touch us where it

Britain's relationship with America will benefit from a delay in the two leaders meeting, writes Peter Riddell

hirty-two years ago a Conservative prime minister was apprehensive about the arrival of a new and self-confident Democratic president in place of an old and trusted Republican friend in the White House. Harold Macrillan was unmitted that he might lan was worried that he might not seem "relevant" to the much younger Jack Kennedy. In the event, they worked well

Echoes of these earlier doubts are now being heard in Whitehall, reinforced by the news yesterday that John Major would not after all, be seeing president-elect Bill Clinton on his visit to Washington in just over 10 days time. Mr Clinton has done Mr Major a favour by. delaying a meeting, but has

himself missed an opportunity.
The great danger in BritishAmerican relations is of selfdelusion, of mistaking close working ties for an automatic identity of interest. That muchabused term the special relationship obscures more than it clarifies. It is never used in Washington and has never app-lied to economics and trade. But Britain does have an unusually close relationship with America on defence and intelligence

Will Clinton be 'special'?

matters, and at a working level between diplomats. Britain has always sought to act as a candid friend affecting American deci-sions through private discussions rather than by public

The reliable ally approach can give Britain a high level of influence at crucial times when an American president has not made up his mind, as during the early stages of the Gulf crisis. Margaret Thatcher was a skilful operator in Washington during the 1980s. But that influence should not be exag-gerated and sentimentalised. American national interests always come first.

The relationship was bound the relationship was bound to experience a just with a change of president. "Good old Brent Scowcroft" and other long-serving officials will go, to be replaced by the largely unknown — unknown at least in London, although Sir Robin Renwick and the British Emhassy in Washington have for some months discreetly been

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making contacts with Mr Clinton's advisers.

The adjustment to the new team will take time. Not too much should be made of alleged anger among Mr Clinton's campaign team at the involvement of Tory officials in advising the Bush campaign, or of the Home Office searching its files about the Democrat. Neither is the best start to the Clinton-Major relationship, but the campaign is over and its resentments will soon be forgotten. The campaign strategists will not be in charge of foreign policy. Mr Clinton's goodwill message yesterday underlined the mutual interest in avoiding

talk of soubs or rifts. More important, and comparable to 1960-61, is the contrast of ideology between Mr Major as the defender of the Conserva-

tive revolution of the 1980s and Mr Clinton as the standardbearer of a change to more active government. In practice, the differences will be smaller in policy than in thetoric, and will anyway be less in foreign than domestic policy. But differences there will be.

Delaying a meeting with the new president gives Mr Majora chance to take stock, rather than to assume that the previous relationship will continue unchanged. There are several pos-sible difficulties, including the future of Trident. It is better to future of Trident. It is better to delay a meeting until the Clinton foreign policy team is in place in the new year, as Douglas Hurd always planned.

Mr Clinton may, however, be the loser from delaying talks with Mr Major and other leaders. He needs to hear European property, if he is avoid

pean concerns if he is avoid early errors abroad. While, understandably, he wants to make America's economic and do-mestic difficulties a priority, he-cannot relegate foreign policy.

America's say remains crucial in so many areas. Just before the startling announcement of the large-scale commitment of American troops to Somalia, one senior British minister was talking about the impact of the hiatus in Washington policymaking during the transition. He did not think much damage had been done, partly because recent American activity had been selective. But the interval could not be too long. America remains central to maintaining the momentum of the Middle

East peace talks and to a needed review of policies on Russia. Moreover, the lesson of the past 18 months in the former Yugoslavia is that the European Community lacks the will, unity and military resources to act on its own, while Washington gains nothing from standing back and half-sneering at the ineffectiveness of the EC. Mr Hurd wants to produce an agreed BC position in Edinburgh. That sounds fine in theory, but not in practice if it

means maintaining a lowest common denominator policy of not confronting the Greeks. If EC unity cannot be maintained, too bad. Britain, along with France and Germany, should work on a policy to prevent Serbian expansion with the specific aim of involving America.

Following the end of the Cold war, the extent of American participation in Europe is no longer primarily to do with the number of troops permanently on the ground. More significant is the level of political interest and activity. That in turn depends on European attitudes, which are at present ambigu-ous. President Mitterrand has been behaving as if he wants to make self-fulfilling his belief that America will withdraw

from Europe.

Mr Major's personal standing at present is not high either in the EC or in America. So he should not overplay a weak hand. But, when the Clinton team is in place, he does have a role and an opportunity. It is the traditional British one of preventing European and American policies from moving away from each other. Harold Macmillan would have understood.

Welcome to the Ghoul Age



he iceman cometh, but unfortunately, he is no longer in a position to goeth. I have nothing against the medi-cal school of Innsbruck University, but I wish it would stick to dissecting corpses or, at a pinch, dissecting the man in charge.

This beginning may cause bewilderment: what sin has a harmless hospital committed, to call down my wrath? Oddly enough, I think it is indeed a great sin, though I fear few will agree. Anyway, the story begins in the Austrian Alps. near the Italian border. There has been an astonishing find; a well preserved human body from 5.000 years ago, in the Stone Age. The body is so completely intact that the pores of his skin are visible, as are his eyeballs (he died with his eyes open), and his left ear can be seen to be folded back as he lay down for his last,

5.000-year, sleep.

The body was found by mountain hikers; its preservation was due to the ice and snow in which he was enfolded, above the line where these never melt. His clothes were undisturbed. and beside him lay various items - bows and arrows, an axe, a fur hat, an amulet.

and they turned back as night came on; perhaps, because the bows and arrows were not finished, he was searching for materials (though there could not have been trees at that height); perhaps he had had to go down to the valley and up again, and he was too exhausted after the climb to do anything but sleep; perhaps he had cattle, and after he settled them for the night lower down, went up to be alone. He may have made a fire: indeed, at such altitudes even the hardiest Stone Age Prometheus would have welcomed warmth, and there was some charcoal among his possessions. And, come to think of it, if the frozen visitor from 3000 BC was a herdsman, what happened to his beasts when he failed to return for milking or to lead

them down to their pasture? Did his fellows search for him, and go mourning back to the valley when they could not find him? (Most of us will by now have thought of Mallory and Irvine; did they in turn go too far up and find themselves trapped by the night?) But what kind of mourning, or friendship for that matter, did Stone Age

he iceman cometh, but it would have been hence had he staveth:

How did he die? There are many theories. Perhaps he went on ahead of his companions.

Stone Age man is better off dead in the most part they would not understand. In what way are we many theories. Perhaps he went on ahead of his companions. and buried, says Bernard Levin

> work that we are fairly hypnotised into believing such ceremonies took place not just among the people of the Stone Age but among — as Golding's figures were — newmen figures were — pre-men.
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> But what about my com-

plaint? It takes the form of a rebuke to grave robbers, however respectable the robbing. If you and I met a man who had been dead for 5,000 years, I trust that our first feeling, and our last, would be of awe; surely we would riptoe away and let him go to sleep again. But the Austrian experts know not awe; they are now examining this man from the world's past, excitedly demonstrating that he was stretched out, not curied up, from which they deduce that he was not cold when he lay down. Moreover, "cold, dry autumn winds must have desiccated the body", and so they might; but what disturbs me is that the body in question is now "being kept in a freezer at the Univer-

sity of Innsbruck medical

people have? William Golding's school", though until those hik-The Inheritors is so masterly a ers came along it was being kept ers came along it was being kept in a freezer on a silent moun-tain, and had been there for some two-and-a-half thousand years before 'orner smote 'is bloomin' lyre.

> Thy do we have to know everything. particularly when nothing? A Stone Age man died, and the eternal snows covered him. But when the hikers came down and related what they had found, was there no one among the posse assembled for the climb up the mountain to say "leave him alone"? Instead, along came Herr Markus Egg, and he is now "studying the man's artefacts at the Romisch-Germanisches-Zentralmuseum in Mainz, Germany. Why is he doing that, and why isn't he studying his wife's horrible new hat instead?

Because the human race has become a race of nosy parkers, demanding to know things that

a Stone Age man died? Would we not be better employed trying to comprehend why we live? The truth is that all the scientists in the world cannot get

inside the head of the snowembalmed man, and they will be arguing till the next Ice Age over the copper axe that our hero had with him. (And that is hardly an exaggeration, for some say that artefacts made of copper were, in those days, very rare indeed - there were no mineral deposits in the area so a man with a copper axe must have been some kind of chieftain or even holy man, and the axe a symbol of his superiority. Or not, as the case may be, for Herr Egg insists that an axe is an axe, and "you could use it to cut wood, or you could smash a

human head".)

Five millennia have gone past since our friend died, and who will be bold enough to point out that somewhere among the years time tilted over, and the world started to become worse instead of better? Suppose the scientists at Innsbruck managed to bring the man to life and sent him out into our world, copper are and all; would he

much better time? Would he not shudder at the dirt and cruelty. the folly and hate, the vanity and greed, the crime and punishment, the aimlessness and ignorance, the bloody wars and

the dishonest peaces? What does he know, or wish to know, of the million child prostitutes in India, of the starvation in Somalia, of the 30,000 murders a year in the United States? When he looks up at the sky - much the same sky as when he was alive - would he not be puzzled when he could not see the stars for the filth with which we have filled our atmosphere? When he sees trains and aeroplanes, and asks what the people in them are going to do, would he be able to understand the answer, which is that they are going to return

from whence they came? It is too late for a call to leave him alone in his ice-still grave. But it is not too soon for us, if we have any imagination, to demand that when they have discovered from him what there is to be discovered (which is nothing), they should put him back exactly where he was, to sleep for another 5,000 years.

Currie out of favour

EDWINA CURRIE, whose political ambitions now extend across the Channel to Brussels, has been thwarted in her attemots to stand for a European seat bordering her parliamenta-ty constituency in Derbyshire.

Currie applied for Midlands Central, a marginal now held by Labour, but did not even make the shortlist. Insiders suggest that her style was considered a mite abrasive for the delicate craft of European policy making. A pity, because some Tories were hoping that their highest-profile candidate for a Euro-seat would achieve success before Labour's - almost cer-tainly Glenys Kinnock, who is being considered as a candidate for South East Wales.

Currie must find her rebuttal at best embarrassing, but speaking yesterday from her home the MP was her usual ebuilient, positive self. "I have shown an interest in several seats," she admits. "But I do not think it would be in the interests of the party for me to leave a strong parliamentary seat for a very

much weaker seat in Europe." Certainly Currie has made it clear that she is not keen to fight

marginals. But, having turned down the offer of a minister's job at the Home Office after the election. Currie must be eager to increase her influence in other spheres. Such a flat rejection will doubtless make her even more determined.

Ode to typing

IT TOOK James Joyce 18 years to write Finnegans Wake and Harold Brodkey 30 years to write his first novel, The Runaway Soul. Next spring the first biography of Walter de la Mare will be published after a 36-year

The author is Theresa Whistler, a family friend of the de la Mares. In 1957 she was commissioned by the poet's son Dick, a commissioning editor for Faber & Faber, and given full access to his father's papers. However, so violent were the protests of Dick's elder sister. Florence, that Whistler was eventually forced to abandon

Faber in favour of Duckworth. That, says Whistler, is the main reason for the delay. But she emphasises the sheer quantity of material. "The papers filled a whole floor of Dick's house. De la Mare kept everything, even his rejection slips. He used to say he had enough



She is anxious that public attention may focus on the book's gestation at the expense of its content. She need not worry. Victoria Glendinning, who has just published a biography of Anthony Trollope, says: Some people have one book that they take their whole life to write. Some never even finish their book. The fact that it is going to be published must be a good thing. Mine usually take about four or five years to write."

 Whatever else the Princess Royal is expecting as a secondwedding present from her mother when she marries Tim Laurence at Crathie, it is unlikely to be a Fabergé egg. The Queen has proved loath to part with a single item from her collection of the great jeweller's work. While other members of the family have lent pieces to a Faberge exhibition that opened

at Wartski Jewellers in London

last week, the monarch declined on the basis that she is not a patron of the charity that will benefit, the Samaritans. What of Princess Anne? As a horsewoman she has, of course, lent a gold-mounted riding crop.

Family viewing

DESPITE increased IRA activity in mainland Britain, the director of a new film starring Daniel Day-Lewis as Gerald Conlon - a member of the Guildford Four wrongly accused of the 1974 pub bombing - is to keep his celluloid account well clear of the quagmire that is Anglo-Irish relations.

Jim Sheridan, who worked with Day-Lewis on My Left Foot, begins casting for other roles next week after a two-year search for funding throughout America. Having finally landed a \$10 million deal with Universal Pictures, Sheridan is keen to

emphasise that the film, In the Name of the Father, will be the story of an innocent family rather than a political diatribe. "It's about clearing their names," says Sheridan. "I'm not interested in the political aspect. All I like doing is making modern. like doing is making good sto-ries." Hard to avoid in this case.

Drive a Porsche! This advertisement, spotted under windscreen wipers in Kensington, could be of interest. To foil the new police cameras, it suggests spending £18.75 on a can of Photo Faze, "a spray that when applied to a number plate reflects the flashgun's dazzle into the camera lens, blurring the image [and] preventing an invasion of your privacy". At the bottom, in small print, it reads: Whilst it is not an offence to manufacture, sell or own this product, use of it may constitute an offence." Good to know.

Furniture complex

SIGMUND FREUD'S couch, upon which patients lay to describe their innermost thoughts for 40 years, is to tour Europe along with the green velver armchair in which the great psychoanalyst sat throughout his sessions. Proceeds of the travelling exhibi-

tion, to Paris. Rome and Berlin next autumn, are to replenish the increasingly empty coffers of London's Freud Museum, ex-pecting a £85,000 shortfall next year. Erica Davies, museum di-rector, hopes the exhibition will

you say you feel dull and uninteresting



resurrect interest in Freud. ~ His couch is a symbol of free atom just as his life was a cor tinual search for the freedom for the individual," says Dravies. "I don't know why, but people in Britain do not seem, that interested. We have ask ad successive arts ministers to visit without any success. We nave just had a letter from Pete r Brooke saying he is too busy to come." David Mellor, one suspects, might have found the experience a little too clos e to home.

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TIME FOR A SCAPEGOAT

Who will guard Europe's "guardians"?

On Friday four leaders of the European Community's Christian Democratic governments rejected the proposals put forward by John Major to help Denmark ratify the Maastricht treaty. Their unthinking re-action is a piece of political foolishness that has bewildered the Danish government. angered the British presidency and threatens to wreck any solution to one of the most vexed issues on the Edinburgh agenda. It is part of a growing tendency to blame all the Community's difficulties on the presidency.

Christian Democrats in the EC have long seen themselves as the guardians of the federal flame, the heirs of Adenauer and Robert Schuman and the champions of an ever closer union of continental democracies informed by Christian, usually Roman Catholic, ideals. Their meetings before European summits have led to calls for speedier integration of the Community, calls which in recent years have strongly influenced the summit agenda and set the pace, at least rhetorically, for the closer political integration which culminated in Maastricht.

British and Danish Conservatives have never belonged to this tradition. Their secular parties do not have the same social or religious underpinnings of Christian Democracy. The rejection therefore on Friday by Belgium, Germany, Greece and Luxembourg of Britain's proposed declarations to help Denmark has as much to do with continental suspicion of an alien brand of conservatism as it does with the purported fears of diluting the treaty and giving Denmark too much freedom to opt out of common defence and monetary policies.

It may be that the four, deprived this year of the usual cheer-leader from Italy, are merely staking out a negotiating position, whistling in the federalist gloom as the enthusiasm for closer European union dims and economic realities eat away at their

governments' popularity. The rejection by Swiss voters yesterday of the proposed enlarged market, bringing together the EC and the seven-nation European Free Trade Association, echoes the waning enthusiam in Scandinavia for Community membership and the Maastricht vision. As Europe moves into recession, and vested national interests call for help, the high-water mark of federalism could already have passed.

Certainly the Christian Democrats have felt obliged during the Commission presidency of Jacques Delors, a socialist, to show themselves as communautaire as the socialists. Yet Helmut Kohl, the man whose voice counts most, was supportive in recent Ditchley talks with Mr Major of his attempt to resolve the Danish difficulty.

For Christian Democrats and others alike. however, the temptation to blame everything on a failed British presidency is a way of avoiding the tough choices that must be made at the summit. The perception, encouraged by Labour and the Liberal Democrats, that Mr Major has bumbled and stumbled his way to Edinburgh, is being fanned by governments that know their own positions alone could tear the Community apart: Greece on Macedonia. France on Gatt. Spain on Community financing. Mr Major has explained at length on his travels that his agenda is the basis of much hard bargaining. He will not, unfortunately, have a chance to court Herr Kohl and M Mitterrand individually, the two men whose help he will most need. But Anglo-German relations are now back on course, and the government is in daily contact with the French prime minister and foreign minister. If the government's clumsiness over Maastricht ratification is taken by all as an excuse to kick every issue into touch and blame a muddled presidency, the leaders have only themselves to blame for a

A UNIVERSITY RETHINK

The students' union is at last coming up with good ideas

The charter published today by the National Union of Students is proof that this once discredited organisation is starting to modernise itself. Less than a year ago. warring student factions were trading punches on the NUS conference platform at Wolverhampton. Today, the union launches a mature policy statement which can be the basis of reasoned debate with ministers, vicechancellors and the funding councils.

Some sections of the charter still bear the shioned left, the descendants of the Soixante-huitards who succeeded in deterring a generation of students from campus politics. It seems odd to argue, on the one hand, for organisational flexibility in universities but insist, on the other, that Wednesday afternoon and Saturday mornings should be kept free for sport and recreation; odder still to demand academic credit for student union work.

The NUS charter also fails to pick up the gauntlet thrown down by Education Secretary, John Patten, at the Tory party conference when he promised to introduce voluntary membership to the union and break "the last closed shop". This is a conspicuous omission in a document giving so much space to "choice". The NUS could have explored a system which would preserve the best of its services but give students the right to take their custom elsewhere, perhaps through an opt-out clause. Instead, the union itself has opted out

of the argument about its future. But in other respects the charter is clearsighted. The rapid expansion of higher education is to be applauded. But it poses a series of questions which students and school-leavers have every right to ask. The NUS is right, in particular, to insist that performance indicators for each institution be freely available, that students have access to information kept about themselves, and that a standardised appeals procedure be introduced. Mr Patten's own Further and Higher Education Charter, to be launched early in the New Year, must bring to universities the openness which last month's exam league tables brought to schools.

As student numbers increase, more costeffective methods of teaching must also be found. The funding councils have offered bonuses to those universities which admit more students without full funding. But eventually the traditional academic year will have to be restructured to maximise the use of existing facilities.

Lord Flowers, the former vice-chancellor of London University, is due to report on this sensitive matter next year. The NUS charter makes a sensible contribution in suggesting three 15 week terms a year of which each student would attend two. Its proposals for "modularity" - degrees based on credit accumulation - would encourage mature students to take courses as quickly or slowly as they wished and enable their younger counterparts to break their studies when necessary to earn money.

Most strikingly, the union argues that grants should be modular too, linked to the individual courses which students take rather than a rigid three year programme of study. This is more imaginative than practical. It does, however, draw necessary attention to the need to review the maintenance system as universities expand. Currently, students are faced with a confusing mish-mash of grants, loans and over-stretched "access" funds. The parliamentary select committee on education failed to come up with a more effective formula before the general election. Mr Patten, more supported by NUS opinion than he might have expected, may yet prove equal to the task.

PRINCESS FOR THE 1990s

This royal romance is in tune with the times

The Queen's annus horribilis is to have a happy ending. The surprise announcement at the weekend that the Princess Royal will remarry at Balmoral will be greeted by all but the most embittered republican as cause

for celebration. More than any other younger member of the Royal family Princess Anne has earned the nation's respect through her decorum during her personal troubles and her tireless work for charity. Her remarks yesterday on the Save the Children fund will have impressed every listener with her knowledge, sympathy and plain commonsense about the problems of poverty and the developing world. There was not a touch of the frivolity and arrogance which has so

harmed other members of the family. This seriousness of purpose has allowed her to pilot her way through the difficult waters of divorce without self-pity or public scandal. As the first of the Queen's children to marry and the first to suffer a divorce she could easily have come to symbolise the Royal family's troubles. Instead she exemplifies its higher qualities of service and self

sacrifice, truly a Princess for the 1990s. It was not always so. The early days of telling photographers to "naff-off" and the over-costly Ruritanian wedding to Captain Phillips, gave the impression of the Princess being a spoilt, over-protected daughter. That "fairy tale" wedding was merely one

example of a series of public events. orchestrated by Buckingham Palace, that served to distance the Crown from the

people. The pomp and circumstance of the Westminster Abbey service in 1973, watched live by 500 million television viewers, contrasts starkly with the simple ceremony that the Princess is organising in Scotland 19 years on. Gone is the Royal bombast and ceremonial, glass coach and

Instead on Saturday a few dozen friends and family will squeeze into the small Craigie church. Some critics may carp that a Church of Scotland wedding sidesteps the Church of England ban on remarriage in church. The question of choosing a religious ceremony, given that it is perfectly legal under Scottish law, rather than a registry office is a matter for the Princess's conscience only. Everything we know about her suggests she will have thought and prayed long and hard before deciding to remarry in

church. At a time of world-wide recession, civil war and mass starvation there is too little good news for us to report. But a Princess who took control of her own life, did a great deal to benefit the poorest, set an example of good behaviour to her fellow Royals and then fell in love with a dashing naval commander. has the power to enchant all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Use of plutonium for nuclear war

From the Chairman of BNFL

Sir, Lord Melchett, executive director of Greenpeace (letter, November 30), maintains that BNFL's thermal oxide reprocessing plant (Thorp) will increase the risk of nuclear weapons proliferation. This is not correct. The facts about the non-proliferation of plutonium and civil uses are as

1. Thorp will be used only for civil. commercial reprocessing and not for reprocessing military grade pluto-nium. It will be subject to continuous safeguards inspection by a resident team of Euratom inspectors. Euratom have already indicated that Thorp can be effectively safeguarded.

2. International agreement already exists which ensures that Thorp will be effectively safeguarded. An International Atomic Energy Authority forum concluded in May 1992 that there is a wide range of techniques available for efficient safeguards at reprocessing plants such as Thorp. 3. Plutonium has been stored under

safe and secure arrangements at BNFL's Sellafield for over 30 years. 4. Plutonium recovered at Sellafield will not be returned to customers without the approval of HM government. It is government policy to export plutonium and other nuclear materials only to countries (apart from nuclear weapon states) where it will be subject to a full-scope safeguards

agreement with the IAEA: The technology is now available to take the plutonium and mix it with uranium to form a mixed oxide (Mox) fuel which is more energy-efficient than traditional uranium fuels.

BNFL, which is a leader in this technology, is commissioning a demonstration plant at Sellafield to do this, and has already won an overseas order for Mox fuel. The plutonium contained in Mox fuel cannot be extracted without complete reprocess-

Yours sincerely, JOHN R. S. GUINNESS. Chairman, British Nuclear Fuels plc. 65 Buckingham Gate, SW1.

From Dr David Lowry

Sir, I support Lord Melchett's criticism of the prima facie breach of the United Kingdom's obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

A careful reading of Hansard demonstrates that strictly Lord Melchett is wrong to assert that breach of the NPT was not brought up in the fraggate debate in the Commons (report, November 23). Dr David Clark, Opposition defence spokesperson, did raise the matter briefly (Hansard, cols 702-703) - and the Conservative MP for Clwyd North-West, Mr Rod Richards, almost justified "selective" nuclear proliferation, if it assisted M 16 intelligence operations (cols 689-691).

More important, however, as was reported in The Observer on November 29. Mr John Gordon, head of the Foreign Office's nuclear energy department until 1988, has endorsed the claims of those of us who have long claimed at the half-yearly meetings of non-governmental organisations with the Foreign Office that the United Kingdom is in breach of the NPT. Perhaps instead of the brush-off, the FCO will take note - and overdue

Yours sincerely, DAVID LOWRY (Director). European Proliferation Information Centre, 11 Goodwin Street, N4. November 30.

From Dr Kitty Little

Sir. Lord Melchett writes that if the sir, toru whether whites that it the thermal oxide reprocessing plant is allowed to open BNFL will export sufficient plutonium "for 4,000 nuclear warheads". He is wrong.

Weapons-grade plutonium consists of the isotope PU-239. But the plutonium from civil nuclear reactors used for electricity production con-tains quite a lot of PU-240. With PU-240 present a nuclear explosion cannot be produced. Greenpeace have been told this frequently.

Professor Ian Fells, whose letter you published on the same day as Lord Melchett's, reminds us that fast reactors will be needed in the first 20 to 30 years of the next century. Reprocessing is necessary to provide them with fuel.

The monopoly that would result if the campaign being conducted by the anti-nuclear network is successful would give the controllers of the French nuclear industry enormous economic and political power. They would have monopoly control over the only adequate source of electricity for the world's industries.

Mr Heseltine has already agreed that they should have a monopoly over fast-reactor production (based on research and development carried out by the British nuclear industry), and has taken steps to eliminate our industry, despite three British firms having offered to pay for a continuation of our fast-reactor development.

Yours sincerely KITTY LITTLE. 8 Oiney Court, Mariborough Road, Oxford. December 3.

From Mr Alex Henney

Sir, I agree with Lord Marshall of Goring ("Reactors that bred us nothing but trouble", November 23) that it is right to withdraw support for work on the fast breeder reactor, and that energy decisions are usually made on spurious grounds.

I wonder if he remembers the claims he was making from 1978 to "build fast reactors with all commendable speed". Throughout the 1980s he claimed that Sizewell B would be economic. Then in 1988 he claimed that "I think the [price] bids [for nuclear will be very competitive ... (believe nuclear power will go ahead with privatisation"

Decisions (to which he has been party) have indeed been made on spurious grounds.

Yours faithfully, ALEX HENNEY, Energy Economic Engineering Ltd.. 38 Swains Lane, No. November 25.

Opt-out harassment

From Mr Gus John

Sir, Andrew Turner's letter (November 28) accusing Hackney Education Authority of harassing a headteacher and governors of a school seeking grant-maintained status is mischievous.

The Church of England school is facing closure and met the headteacher and governing body to discuss the closure decision which is supported by the Diocesan Board. One of my officers subsequently wrote to the headteacher pointing out the statutory requirements as outlined in the 1989 regulations governing the grant-maintained schools balloting procedure.

To suggest that this amounts to threatening legal action and the possibility of bankrupting a school and its governors is absurd and somewhat paranoid.

Yours sincerely. GUS JOHN. Director of Education. London Borough of Hackney. The Edith Cavell Building. Enfield Road, N1. November 30.

From Superintendent M. Waldren

Sir. May I reassure Dr N. A. H. Dawnay (letter, November 30) that his concerns about armed and "masked" police officers are well taken. There are however, a few points which I believe he has overlooked.

Police raid headgear

It would not be appropriate here to go into the circumstances surrounding the largest ever seizure of cocaine n this country (report, November 24). Suffice to say that as a result of the magnificent work by No 9 Regional Crime Squad and HM Customs and Excise the cargo of Fox Trot Five failed to reach its intended destination. Numberless burglaries and other crimes (together with the associated misery for the victims), undertaken just to pay for this amount of drugs, will not now take place; maybe a few

lives have been saved as well-As one of the many police contribSir, One can imagine the worry and

From Professor P. Gilroy Bevan

anxiety of the four parents concerned in the hospital baby "mix-up" reported in your columns on December 3. Despite precautions, this is not an solated event.

Identification of babies

As a retired surgeon from Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, I would like to commend a foolproof and immediate method of identifying new-born babies being developed at that hospital — the recording of a thumbprint within minutes of birth. Fingerprints are unique to the

individual and formed at birth. They can be recorded without staining the This technique, which was proposed by a community midwife here in Birmingham and has won an

award from a group of local businessmen, is being actively pursued by the hospital and by the West Midlands police. It would provide absolute identification of babies without delay. Yours faithfully.

P. BEVAN, 10 Russell Road, Moseley, Birmingham 13.

utors to this operation, and to many other armed operations in London, I can confidently assert that there was no question of any officers assuming

disguise. It was correctly anticipated that some of them might have to spend most of the night in small open boats, and it would have been irresponsible not to provide them with appropriate clothing, including bala-

> The latter did not, in fact, cover the faces of any of the police officers and no attempt was made by any of the officers to use them for this purpose. No such attempt is ever made, unless individual security is an issue.

> To raise the spectre of the law being upheld by incognito and untraceable police officers is wholly unwarranted.

Yours faithfully, MIKE WALDREN. Metropolitan Police Service, MPS Firearms Unit (SO19). 337 Old Street, EC1.

Extending choice over BBC powers

From Ms Lesley Abdela

Sir, Whether or not Parliament, in our name, gives the BBC a statutory right of existence (Professor Barendt's letter, December 1) there is a serious matter for the government of the day to consider — the way in which the BBC current affairs/politics television programmers have overlooked the needs of the United Kingdom's 29 million

The fact that 88 per cent of senior executives and at least 75 per cent of middle management at the BBC are men has had a truly wretched effect on the balance of programming, damaging women's democracy, clothing women's views and perceptions in a blanket of silence, and effectively

imposing censorship.

At the time of the Maastricht treaty, BBC to failed to discuss in any significant measure the implications of the Social Chapter for women. During the April general election campaign it similarly ignored equal opportunities, a national system of childcare, equal pay for equal work, maternal benefits, part-time work, retraining, re-entry rights, widows and pensioners in poverty (mostly women).

. This was despite letter after letter to the (male) hierarchy programmers at Television Centre requesting at least some air time on subjects which vitally concerned millions and millions of women. I can only think of one centre of power which has more damaged women's opportunities, as the record shows — Parliament itself.

Yours faithfully. LESLEY ABDELA, The Lodge. Conock Manor, Wiltshire. December 1.

From the Chief Executive of the Radio Authority

Sir, In its recent document, Extending Choice (report, November 27), the BBC joins us in using the terms "publicly funded broadcasting" and commercially funded broadcasting". I welcome the distinction. The BBC, in its choice of terms, is acknowledging that as a publicly-funded broad-casting body it does not monopolise "public service broadcasting".

Independent radio.has been providing public service broadcasting (PSB) for the 19 years of its existence. Trying to define what PSB is and should provide will only serve to confuse an important debate on the future of broadcasting.
The BBC is wise to avoid this. There

will be strands of programming which the commercial sector is unlikely to provide: if the government believes publicly funded.

Yours faithfully, PETER BALDWIN; Chief Executive. The Radio Authority. Holbrook House. 14 Great Oueen Street, WC2. December 1.

From Mr David Royce

Sir, The emphasis laid by the BBC and others on the need for publicsector broadcasting to be ever more efficient in its use of resources is laudable. The Corporation and its critics ought not, however, to forget that, even at £80 a year the licence fee

is no more than 22p a day. For that sum, the Corporation provides two television channels, the quality of which can only be appreciated by someone like myself who has lived in other countries and suffered what they offer. Television apart, the Corporation provides at least four radio programmes, again of a quality which sets the standards for the competition. Whether looking or listening, the audience is not dis-

tracted by advertisements. This does not mean that I begrudge the 45p a day that I pay for my Times, nor that I tune in only to the BBC; but it does suggest that the BBC is already not doing badly at providing value for money.

Yours faithfully, DAVID ROYCE,

5 Sprimont Place, SW3.

From Dr David Brancher Sir. A friend who is head of a primary school speaks, with horror, of the pseudo-violent playground behaviour of children, based on the images selected and presented by some television programmes. There is also evidence of the extent to which some police behaviour mimics that shown in fictitious programmes about the

police force. These are but examples: there cannot be a society whose values are not promoted (in both senses of the word) through the tales it tells. Nature follows art; and art (if that it be) now has a commercially funded medium, more powerful and pervasive than any

in human history. In the 1960s Buckminster Fuller referred to television as "the third parent": little did he appreciate that it would, for many, become the second

or, in terms of influence, even the first. Censorship in unthinkable, and commercial television will increasingly command the so-called forces of the so-called market. But, always, there must remain the establishment of a body committed to raising standards of behaviour, kindness, honesty, responsibility and service yes, with pure entertainment and the

enlargement of the imagination. At its best, and at a fraction of the cost of formal education, the BBC represents the chance to learn to enjoy and to reach one's potential. It must be allowed to become even better at it. without thought of the conventional ratings. We cannot undermine it without adding to our social malaise.

Yours etc., D. M. BRANCHER, Ashfield, Albany Road, Abergavenny, Gwent.

A cruel trade

From Mr Michael Maas

Sir, French farmers are on another rampage. I fear that, as has happened before, they will brutally attack and even burn alive lorry-loads of British

If John Gummer has any mercy, he will suspend live exports to France until the farmers have stopped rioting.

But why tolerate this trade at all? It inflicts immense and prolonged suffering upon the wretched animals. The RSPCA and others have presented mountains of evidence to this

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL MAAS, Bingley Seat, Woodbank Road, Stannington, Sheffield, S. Yorkshire.

Gatt and the EC

From Mr F. Knox

Sir, The damage to world trade and economic growth if France blocks & Gatt agreement is widely recognised. Less well appreciated is the fundamental question such a development would raise for the constitution

and prospects of the EC. Economists have long recognised three degrees of economic integration between countries: a free trade area, which involves abolishing tariffs between member states; a customs union, which further imposes a common external tariff in relation to third countries and, where non-tariff barriers are important, also necessarily involves a common commercial policy in regard to the outside world: and a common market, which involves, in addition to free movement of goods and services within the area, free movement of factors of produc-

tion, labour and capital.
The EC has aimed from its earliest days at being at least a common market. At the customs union stage. there would be no question of negotiations in Gatt being the province of any body other than the EC Commission and Council of Ministers, and no question of negotiations being vetoed by one of the member governments.

What is the point of spending vast amounts of time and effort discussing further, more far-reaching, types of economic and politicial union if the EC has not yet successfully attained even the second, elementary, stage of economic union, a customs union? Yours faithfully,

F. KNOX. Trade and Tariffs Research. Lynette Avenue, SW4. December 4.

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December 3.

Tests stump adults

From Dr Henry Hardy Sir. Yes, Mr Philipott-Kenr's answers

(letter, December 3) to the calculator questions set by the School Examinations and Assessment Council for seven-year-olds seem obvious - except for that mysterious drawing of a calculator display to the right of each question (report, November 18). The numbers shown in these dis-

plays seem arbitrary and redundant - what Wittgenstein called a wheel that turns without being part of the mechanism". Any number would do, and none is needed to solve the Why then are the displays included

at all? My seven-year-old couldn't tell me. I think we should be told perhaps by eight-year-old Rosie Enock whose letter you published under Mr Philpott-Kent's. Yours etc.,

HENRY HARDY, 22 Norham Road, Oxford.

From Dr Richard Bloore

Sir, Assuming that Mr Philpott-Kent's answer is correct, the numbers displayed on the calculators acr merely as a "red herring". What is more worrying is that the chief executive of SEAC appears unaware of the difference between algebra and

Yours faithfully, R. D. S. BLOORE, 89 Haliburton Road, St Margaret's,

Twickenham, Middlesex. From Mr B. S. Glyde

Sir, The letter from the chief executive of SEAC is disturbing. It seems we are not to mind deliberate obfuscation in examination questions, as teachers have plenty of time for explaining them to the children.

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Yours faithfully. B. S. GLYDE Many Bushes, London Road, Uppingham, Rutland.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 5: The Duke of York, Patron, this morning attended the Falkland Islands Association's Wreath-laying

Ceremony at the Cenotaph. Whitehall, London SW1.

Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend the Royal Variety Performance at Dominion Palace Theatre at 7.25. The Princess Royal, as President of

the British Olympic Association, will host a reception or Bucking-ham Palace at 6.30. Princess Alexandra will attend a

concert at the Festival Hall at 7.15. in aid of Red Cross assistance in the former Yugoslavia.

Birthdays today

Sir Fred Akinson, civil servant, 73; Viscount Boyd of Merton, 53; Mr Donald Crichton-Miller, former headmaster, Fettes College and Stowe School, 86; Judge Lord Elystan-Morgan, 60; Mr David Evans, trades unionist, 57; Mr Kaffe Fassett, textile designer, 55; Professor Sir Abraham Goldberg, physician, 69.

Professor N. Gowar. principal. Royal Holloway and Bedford New College. 52: Sir Bryan Hopkin. civil servant. 78; Mr Victor Kiam, International president. Reming-ton. 66: the Countess of Limerick, chairman. British Red Cross Society, 57; Mr Ivor Mills, writer and broadcaster, 63: Mr Sydney Samuelson, British Film Commissomer, 67: the Rev R.C.Trounson, former principal, St Chad's College. Durham, 66: Mr Eli Wallach, acror, 77: Miss Helen Watts, opera

Dinner

Association of Old Brightonic Mr and Mrs G.W. Lees were the guests of bonour at the annual dinner of the Association of Old Brightonians held on Saturday at Brighton College. Mr S.J. Cockburn, president, was in the chair and Mr J.D. Leach, headmaster, also spoke.

\$t Albans School The Governors of \$t Albans School have appointed Mr A.R. Grant, Second Master of the Royal Gram-mar School, Guildford, to be

School news

Headmisser of St Albans School in September 1993. The Licensed Victualle

The Society of Licensed Victuallers is pleased to arinounce the appointment of Mrs Pamela Cowley as Head of the Licensed Vicuallers' School, Ascot with effect from January 1993. Mrs Cowley is currently Acting Head at

Windsor Castle

The State Apartments, closed following the fire, are expected to reopen to the public early in the new year. It is hoped that by Easter, when the rewiring work will be completed, all the State Anartments, anart from St. Apartments, apart from St George's Hall and the Grand Reception Room which were badly damaged in the fire, will be open as normal. The Gallery, the new exhibition area which opened in August, and Queen Mary's Dolls House were undamaged and re-opened to the public last week. However the dolls house will be closed from January 1 until Easter for routine maintenance.

Cooks' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Cooks' Company for Master, Mr S.J. Herbage: Second. Master, Mr R.P. Horne; Warden, Mr N.D. Phillips; Renter Warden, Mr J.B. Kane.

Gray's Inn

Sir John Vinelott has been elected treasurer for 1993 in succession to Richard Stone, QC. Mr Charles Sparrow. QC, has been elected

Nature notes

ON FROSTY mornings, robins sing vigorously: looking up at them in the branches from directly beneath you might think they had white breasts, there is such a large area of white feathers below the

Blackbirds gather under the trees where the ground is not frozen so hard and there is a earthworm: it is ground-feeders like these which most need bread put out for them Blackbirds are independent, quarrelsome birds, but they immediately fly for cover like a flock if a kestrel appears in Daisies are still in flower among

the frozen grass, often half-open with their red underside showing. Some of them survive the worst of ing on in the elm hedges are a rich. clouded yellow. On oak trees,



The kestrel

marble galls or oak-apples are conspicuous, now dry and brown and deserted by the gall-wasps which grew in them as grubs the small hole in each shows where the wasp came out. Oaks are exploited by about 500 species of insect, more than any other tree, but they rarely come to any harm by it.

DUM | curse."

Jet propelled: three of Tim Head's set of big scanned ink-jet pictures collectively called "Thirteen Most Wanted", featuring familiar but ambiguous shapes, being placed in the Lower Gallery of the Whitechapel Art Gallery, east London, for the artist's most comprehensive London exhibition so far. The show, which opens on Friday, continues until February 28

Mod celebrates its centenary royally

Piping

BY ANGUS NICOL

A HUNDRED years ago An Comunn Gaidhealach heid the first National Mod. An Comunn Gaidhealach was founded in Oban in 1890-1 to "initiate in the Highlands a national festival on lines similar to those of the Welsh Eisteddfod". In its centenary year, the Mod was for the first time Mod Naiseanta Rioghail (the Royal National Mod).

Archaeology, asks for "the generosity of some patron or The piping events attracted large numbers of contestants institution" to carry out the in both senior and junior sections. The junior fiddle competitions were also popu-1939, is buried at Putney Vale lar. But the senior fiddle and accordion events drew very Bahn says. "Its stone surround few entrants. The piping events bring in a simple inscription on the

lot of competitors who do not appear at the major piping competitions during the year, as well as a few well-known the prize lists at Oban and Inverness. They dominated the Mod piping also.

The Ceòl Mor event was of mixed standards. A few competitors did not seem well enough acquainted with the details of their tunes, while some others never had their pipes properly in tune. But there were yet others to whom it was a pleasure to listen. Pipe Major Angus MacDonald gave a good performance of The MacDougalls' Gathering to start the afternoon and also to take first prize. Leslie Hutt, who played next, took second prize with The Big Spree. Third prize went to Angus MacColl, for his performance of The Unjust Incarceration. The senior march, strath-

spey and reel was won by Corporal Gordon Walker, the only serving army piper competing. Second prize was taken by Angus MacCoil, and third by William MacCallum. There were three junior Ceòl Beag events. The under-18 march was won by Allan MacColl. There was a march event for pipers under 15, won by Gordon MacLean. The untier-18 strathspey and reel was won by Neil Stewart.

This year there was a new jig, also divided into senior and junior sections. The prizes were provided by the Argyllshire Gathering to encourage piping and to mark the Gathering's links with the Mod. This was the thirteenth Mod to take place in Oban, and the Gathering's Hall has been the scene of some memorable musical events at each of them. There was a large entry for both sections of the hornpipe and jig competition, and the standard of playing was most impressive. In the senior section, Corporal Gordon Walker won first prize with a brilliantly performed set. Closely behind him came An-

gus MacColl, and Pipe Major Angus MacDonald in third place. First prize in the junior section was won by Allan MacColl, to crown a very successful year. Second prize was taken by Tony Campbell, and third by MacCrimmon.

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DEATHS: Marcus Tullius Cicero DEATHS: Marcus Tulitus Cicero. Roman orator and statesman, executed, Formia, Italy, 43 BC: Meindert Hobbema, landscape painter, Amsterdam, 1709; Michel Ney, commander of Napoleon's Old Guard, shot for high treason. Paris, 1815; William Bligh, admiral, Captain of HMS Bounty, London, 1817; John Flaxman, sculptor, London, 1826; Edward Irving, founder of the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church, Holy Catholic Aposinic Church, Glasgow, 1834; Vicomie Ferdi-nand de Lesseps, promoter of the Suez Canal, La Chenale, Belgium, 1894; Kirsten Flagstad, soprano, Oelo, 1962; Thornton Wilder, novelist and dramatist, New Ha-ven, Connecticut, 1975; Robert Graves, poet and novelist, Majorta, 1985; Roy Orbison, singer, Nativille Transcent 1982 William Pirr the Younger, aged 24, became the youngest British Prime Minister, 1783.

Election

Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, has been elected as a Vice President of the Institute of the Motor Industry for 1992-3. He has also been appointed a member of the advisory council of the Prince of Wales's Youth Business Trust.

LEGAL NOTICES

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.P. Dodworth and Mrs J.M.E. Perry-Warnes The engagement is announced between Michael only son of Colonel and Mrs C.P. Dodworth. of Stembridge, Somerset, and Judith Perry-Warnes (née Sey-mour), of Dewlish, Dorser. Mr C.S. Foden

and Miss E.M. Preces The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr David Foden, of Wappenham, Northamptonshire and Mrs Judy Paine, of London, and Emily, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Preece, of Plas Lianddyfan, Anglesey. Lieutenant J.S. Neely

and Dr F.G. Savage The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs H.B. Neely, of Tingrith, Bedford-shire, and Fiona, daughter of Dr and Mrs T.R. Savage, of Plymptor St Maurice, Devon. Mr K. O'Shea and Miss M.N. Dunca

The engagement is announced between Kevin O'Shea, of North London, and Malindi Duncan, of Weybridge, Surrey. Mr J.J. Tebbs

ment Miss A.C. Odose The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of the inte Mr Charles Tebbs and of the late Mr Charles Tebbs and on Mrs Tebbs, of Abbey House, Louth, Lincolnshire, and Annabel (Bella), daughter of Mr Tim Odone and the late Mrs Ann Odone, of Garden House, Kimpton, Hampshire, Mr D.M.P. Welham

and Miss C. Latif The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr and Mrs K.E. Welham, of East Molescy, Surrey, and Caroline, daughter of Mr A. Latif, of Richmond, Surrey, and Mrs J. Wood, of Perth, Western Australia. Mr C.P.A. Weston

Mr C.P.A. Weston and Dr L.P. Taggart
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.R.N. Weston, of Longcot, Oxfordshire, and Lucy, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs M. Taggart, of Borough Green, Kent.

Marriage

Mr M.D.C. Warkins and Miss S.F. Bradley Williams The marriage took place on Sat-urday, December 5, in Montego Bay, Jamaica, of Mr Michael Werkins of Tarsion Hall, Suffoli. to Miss Felicity (Cuckoo) Bradley-Williams, of Eccleston Mews, London, SW1.

Latest wills

Mr Edward William Fatherini, of Tockwith, North Yorkshire, left state valued at £11,400,435 net. He left 640,000 to his chandleur John C Freeman. £500 for each year or par year in his employ each to Arthur and Joan Brown and Pamicia Cooper, if respectively in such employ and not under notice, and the remainder of his easier mostly to relatives. Mr Anthony Samuel Edgar, of Hawkiey, Liss, Hampshire, and of

Higher Blackland Farm, Withy-pool, Minehead, Somerset, and London SW1, left estate valued at £10,789.036 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Mr Gerald Segelman, of London W1, left estate valued at £7,937,609 net. Ha left £2,000 to the New Central Vlina, and £12 Chaim Byzagogue, Leeds, together with such sum as his trustee deem proper for saying Kaddish, and £2,000 each to the United Hebraw Congregation, Leeds, Leeds, Donalsthorpe Hall Residential Nursing Homa, Leeds, the Jewish Blind and Physically Handicapped Society, the Western Marble Arch Synagogue, London W1, Salvation Army and Church Army. Sir Norman Randall Elliott, of Farnham, Surrey, chairman of the Farnham, Surrey, chairman of the Electricity Council 1968-72, left estate valued at £704,334 net.

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towember that from early childhood you have been familiar with the sacred writ-ings which have power to make you wise and lead you to salvation through faith in Christ land DEATHS Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 5 : 15 BIRTHS CARDEN - On November 23rd. to Mark and Kathryn thée Bishop). 2 son Alexander Frederick John. CHARMLEY - On December 2nd, to Miranda and Tristrato, a son (Felix). at Guys Hospital, to Katle, (née Winspear) and Howard. a son. James Alexander. KELLY - On December 4th, to Janice (née Kane) and Christopher, a son. Philip **GOLDEN** ANNIVERSARIES WARNER - Norman and Eleanor. 7th December 1942, 50 Happy Years. DEATHS ALVINGHAM - On December 3rd, peacefully at botne, in her 100th year: Mand Lytton Grey (Dollie). Beloved and devoted widow of Lord Alvingham: late of Grey (Dollie), Beloved and devoted widow of Lord Alvingham: late of Hasiemere. Surrey and friend to many. Requirem at St. Luke's. Burton Road. Knesston-Upon-Thannes at 11.30 am on Friday December 11th. followed by burtal at Hasiemere Parish Churchyard. Flowers and enquiries to Kenyon. 49 Marioes Road. Kamstington. W8 GLA. Tel: C71 937 0757.

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BARTLEET Helen,
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December 14th at 11.15 am. http://www.dHARM On December Srd. peacefully at home. George Walter, Priest. aged 79 years. Funeral at Uppingham Parish Church on Friday December 11th at 2 pm. No flowers, donations to be divided between Uppingham Parish Church and Macmillan Nurses. to Rev. J. Willett. The Rectory. London Road, Uppingham. Letcs., LE16 97J.

GANNOM - On December 4th 1992, Dencerally at S. Hichard's Hospital, Chichester, Bridget (Divie), aged 76 of Seisor's Beloved wife of the into Laddle and adored mother of Elizabeth, Catherine, Jeonifer, Ciaram and Numin and Cherished grandma to 10 grandchildren. Requiem mass at 10 am on Thursday December 10th at St. Wiffred's Church, Charch Street, Selsey. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who longw hen GUEPIN - On December 3rd, 1992, peacefully at home in Marbella. Jean, aged 78, much towed mother of Lord Brougham and David, grand-mother of Henrietta, Carles, Henry and Otiver, Cremalion in Malaga, Spain, Donations of Members of Marbella Research Virginia. Most beloved wife of Alastair Lang and mother of Virginia. Charmian and Judith. At Newhall Hoophal. nr. Salishury. on 3rd December after a long and painful fliness. so bravely borne. Rest in Peace. Funeral to be held at Salishury Crematorium on 11th December at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired so MacMillan Cancer Relief Fund or The Indured Jockey? Fund. Empliries to Will Case & Purtners. Salisbury (0722) 414521.

LASCELLES - John Hawden
O.B.E., peacefully in hospital
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Church on Thursday
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Family flowers only.
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MATHER - On December 2nd, peacefully, Major J.H. (Jim) Matter E.R.D. aged 84 years, of The Four Wynds, Caysburn. Durhain, formerly of Churt. Surrey. Dearly loved husband of Bittle. father of Bartle and ian. Cremation at Durhain Cremation an Wednesday December 9th at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to N.Alderson Funeral Directors, Whitehouse Lane, Ushaw Moor. Durhain.

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BY NORMAN HAMMOND

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AN APPEAL has been

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IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE BLOUBT - in joying memory of Air Commodore John Highest Lempriere Bloom, LF.C. Captain of The Queen's Flight, killed flying 25 years ago on 7th December, 1967. Much

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MAURICE OHANA

Maurice Ohana, French composer, died at his home in Paris on November 13 aged 78. He was born in Casablanca on June 21, 1914.

MAURICE Ohana's music has long enjoyed a considerable reputation in Europe, but its recognition is well overdue in Britain. A prolific composer, he contributed to almost every current vocal and instrumental form. His works included four operas, seven concertos, a number of largescale works for orchestra and a significant contribution to the instrumental and chamber music repertoires. His compositional career spanned nearly fifty years and his vocal works. especially those for female voice, gave greatest expression to his most intimate and

magical lyricism. Ohana stemmed from a complex and international cultural background, which prompted Andre Gide to describe him as a French Joseph Conrad. He was of Andalusian-Jewish origin, but from his Gibraltan father he inherited British citizenship which he held throughout his life. His education, in Casablanca and Bayonne, was in French, but in common with many Gibraltan households he was brought up to speak English and Spanish at home. Ohana thus developed three

mother-tongues. He spent his youth in Africa, Spain and the Basque country, where he was exposed to the folk music styles that were to influence so profoundly his development as a composer. He gave his first public concert as a pianist at the age of II. but initially studied architecture when he moved to Paris in 1932. But it was not long before the piano reclaimed him. He appeared at the major concert halls in Paris in the 1930s, built an international reputation and played at the Wigmore Hall in

London in 1937. That same year he decided to develop his compositional interests and enrolled at the Schola Cantorum where he studied with Daniel-Lesur until the outbreak of the second world war. The characteristic training at Schola, with its emphasis on the study of plainsong and music of the



Medieval and Renaissance polyphonic masters, proved to be a decisive influence on the young composer. Ohana has often described his music as being monodic — "all that is added is a trail or a shadow?

Ohana served in the British Army during the war, being commissioned into the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He finally returned to Paris after demobilisation in 1946. He emerged as a composer of note in the post-war years.
Ohana and his Groupe

Zodiaque announced their independence from contemporary trends and expressed a violent antagonism to all forms of serialism, an approach which persisted throughout Ohana's life. He had an almost iconoclastic rejection of all pre-composi-tional systems, which he often described as a "tyranny" and "musical terrorism". Although

resisting over simplistic labelling as a Spanish composer, his Iberian background pro-vided the catalyst in develop-ing his early compositional style. Encouraged by the Fla-menco singer La Argentinita (a close friend of Federico Garcia Lorca) his first major work was a setting of the Llanto por Ignacio Sanchez Majias in 1950.

While many of his early works, including the Cantigas for chorus and ensemble, the guitar concerto and Trois Caprices for piano, have certain Spanish associations, especially with the painter Goya, his mature work from Tombeau de Claude Debussy (1962) and Signes (1965) onwards can no longer be described in these terms. His individual musical style, in stark contract to his contemporaries, is based on chant of all types. His Spanish and African folk music origins led to a fascination with jazz. All is tempered by drawing on techniques of early polyphony and a determination to continue the harmonic experimentations of Debussy.

The archetypal images and characters drawn from myth and legend in both his instrumental and dramatic music create a complex web of symbolic association which is at its height in Trols Comtes de l'Honorable Fleur (1978), Livre des Prodiges for orchestra (1979) and the opera La Celestine, the last work to be premiered at the old Paris Opéra in 1988. In the same year Ohana wrote his own Epitaph in Swan Song for 12 solo voices — significantly he chose the English language

for his own text. Maurice Ohana's dark Spanish eyes, tall lithe figure often glamorous in his most preferred and famed regimental tartan trews, youthful manner and appearance belied his 78 years. Following an operation in May to remove a tumour from his lung he developed an illness from which he did not recover. He is survived by Solange, his companion of many years.

MAJ-GENERAL SIR RALPH HONE

Major-General Sir (Herbert) Raiph Hone, KCMG, KBE, MC, TD, GCStJ, QC, colonial administrator and constitutional lawyer, died on November 28 aged 96. He was born on May 3, 1896.

LORD Mountbatten of Burma always said that one achievement which gave him particular satisfaction was the appointment of Ralph Hone in 1949 as governor and commander-in-chief. North

Borneo. The two men had met towards the end of the second world war when Hone, a lawver in the colonial service. was drafted to Mounthatten's staff in the Far East. He was present at the Japanese surrender in Singapore and was made responsible for organising the resumption of civilian life, first in Singapore itself then in Malaya. There

developed a lasting friendship on first-name terms and Mountbatten was so im-pressed by Hone's ability that he offered him the governorgeneral's job in Malaya.

This raised, however, an awkward point of protocol. Hone's first marriage had just been dissolved amid much acrimony and the principle still applied that no divorced person should be chosen to represent the Crown. Mountbatten lobbied the king and the prime minister, arguing that Hone was dearly the best man for the job and that the rule was outdated. Eventually, however, he had to concede

When the lesser post in Borneo became vacant, Mountbatten tried again and this time the Palace and Downing Street gave way. Hone, then a deputy commissioner for southeast Asia thus has his own footnote in history: as the first divorcee to govern part of the British Empire. He quickly set about justifying Mountbatten's faith in him. Much of the country had been flattened in the war. including Government House, But Hone quickly found temporary quarters

Lev Zetlin, a civil

engineer of international.

repute, inventor, educator,

and investigator of

building disasters, died in

Milwankee on December

4 aged 74. He was born in

Namangan, Russia, on

July 14, 1918.

IN THE world of civil engi-

neering, Lev Zetlin was a true

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crete for airport runways, his

patented cable suspension

roof, or a nuclear power

station for the state of Israel.



and, together with his second wife, began setting a new style of British governance. They visited every corner of the country to meet local people in situ and welcomed native wives back to the residence.

Hone's approach reflected his non-establishment background. He was born at Brighton and educated at Varndean Grammar School where his father, a former mayor, was the headmaster. Hone Hall at the school commemorates his headship.

Aged 18 when the first world war broke out, Ralph Hone joined the London Irish Rifles and was sent to France. Evacuated with trench foot in 1916 he returned the following year and won the Military Cross during the German 1918 counter-offensive for "conspicuous bravery" in clearing an enemy trench. He was badly wounded in his left hand during the action and never regained full movement

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investigated the 1981 collapse

of the suspended walkway at

the Hyatt Regency hotel in Kansas City, which killed 110

As a child, Zetlin moved:

with his parents from Russia

people.

to build their first hangars.

in it. After a short posting as a staff captain at the Ministry of Munitions, he left the Army and, with few job prospects in this country, joined the Colonial Service.

He was sent as a junior official to Uganda, but was then persuaded to take an external London degree and

read for the Bar. Called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, he practised briefly on the southeast circuit before returning to the colonies in 1925, first to Zanzibar where he became a resident magistrate, then as crown counsel to Tanganvika and, in 1933, as attorney-general in Gibraltar. He became attorney-general in Uganda in 1937 and was made commandant of the colony's defence force at the start of the second world war. From there he was posted to Cairo as chief legal adviser, and subsequently chief political officer. in GHQ Middle East. He then

Jumbo jets might still be to Persia, as it then was, and where his most famous standing out in the rain if it later to Palestine where he project the blank Value value.

graduated from the High

Technical Institute in 1939.

He later fought in Israel's war

of independence and was briefly chief engineer of the

Israeli air force before moving

to the United States to study at

Cornell University. He gained

his doctorate in 1953. Decid-

ing to stay in America, Zetlin

combined a teaching career at

Cornell, Pratt Institute, Man-

hattan College and the Univ-

ersity of Virginia with a highly successful consulting business.

He was called on to help

design buildings for the 1964

World's Fair in New York,

spent1943-45 at the War Office in London, from where he

was poached by Mountbatten. Hone, who was awarded a military CBE and was twice mentioned in dispatches for his staff work in the war, spent five years as the governor of North Borneo. The local railways named a steam engine in his honour. Then he went back to Whitehall in 1954 to head the legal division of the Commonwealth Office until retiring from the civil service in 1961.

By now a leading authority on constitutional law, Hone returned to private practice and took on a succession of briefs for the British and Commonwealth governments, including Kenya. South Arabia and Bermuda. He drafted the 1961 Rhodesia constitution and acted as an adviser to R. A. Butler on Central Africa in 1962.

He was also appeal commis-sioner under the Civil Aviation Licensing Act 1961-71 and standing counsel for the Grand Bahamas Port Authority 1962-75.

His publications included works on the laws of Gibraltar and the Bahamas and a handbook on native courts. He was still working until

nearly 80. Hone never pretended to be an intellectual, but was endowed with a formidable, practical intelligence which enabled him to get things done — and to explain in intelligible prose what he was doing. He had little time for

pomp or officialese. He was playing tennis until well into his seventies and was driving at 90. An accomplished dancer who also loved children, he made a point of dancing with every granddaughter and great-grand-daughter at his 90th birthday

party in the Savoy. His other interests included Freemasonry (he was junior grand warden), the Territorial Army and philately — he collecting stamps of all the countries he had served in.

Ralph Hone is survived by his second wife and their son. and by a son and daughter from his first marriage. East. He then

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Pavilion still stands. Known as

the "Tent of Tomorrow," its

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measuring 250 by 320 feet,

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roof in the world. It was strung

from steel cables attached to

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2,000 tons, but conventional

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weighed six times as much.

Lev Zetlin seemed to delight in variety, turning his hand with equal skill to Disneyland's

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APPRECIATIONS

Clifford Barclay

YOUR obituary (November 25) of Clifford Barday catalogued many of the achievements of his long career, but perhaps did not convey the full flavour of this remarkable man. Although he could be very tough, he was immensely warm, loyal and even touchingly vulnerable. His brain cut through jungles of numbers like a razor, yet he was far from the popular image of a dry accountant. He thought radically, laterally, and often with the broad vision of an artist. When we last had lunch, earlier this year, he was clearly frail but his mind was still fertile with ideas for the

future I first met him nearly thirty years ago on the Chester Commission of Enquiry into Association Football, where, together, we wrote much of the section on the future of League football. His contribution was typically original at that time. He viewed the Football League as a holding company, with the 92 clubs as subsidiaries, and then (at his personal expense) arranged for all their accounts to be thoroughly audited and analysed on this

financial and social forces which he saw operating.
His adult education work at Oxford was probably his greatest single contribution in that neglected field.

Lord Donoughue of Ashton.

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sources of losses, the few sources of profits, and the

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sulting vision of the future of

professional football in Britain

was unacceptable to many in the football establishment of

the time but has come about

because of the underlying

J. G. W. Davies

May I be allowed to add a few sentences to your obituary of J. G. W. Davies (November 14)? It was mentioned that Jack kept close contact with the British Psychological Society but it did not say how central he was to the life and operation of the Society.

Jack Davies was the honorary treasurer and council member of The British Psychological Society for the last eleven years and prior to that he was the treasurer of our division of occupational psychology.

He was a consummate servant of British psychology, as well as an excellent leader. His committee skills, personal charm, candour and knowledge made him the Society's elder statesman and deeply respected by all who came across him. His stewardship of the Society's finances meant that all the membership have benefited; income grew and consequently so did services and behind the scenes administration and managerial

SUPPORT. There can never be another Jack Davies, he will be sorely missed by The British Psychological Society and all of British psychology.

Stephen White

THE many friends and colleagues of Jack Davies will have greatly welcomed The Times's tribute to his many achievements and accomplishments. I should like to add that his interest in the career decision-making processes of young people did not end with his move from the Cambridge University Careers Service. In 1964 he had been one of the founding support-

ers of the Cambridge-based Careers Research & Advisory Centre and he remained a member of the CRAC council until his death. He was chairman for ten years until 1983 and deputy-chairman of council subsequently. He played a key role in helping CRAC to establish the National Institute for Careers Education and Counselling in 1975 and in launching the CRAC Insight into Management programme in 1978. Today, business-education relationships and careers education and guidance are high on the national policy agenda. It was not always thus and my colleagues and I know how much we owe to pioneers like Jack.

David Blandford CRAC director

ONE day in the late 1950s Jack, Learie Constantine and I were travelling in the guards van of a Taunton train towards an eagerly awaited vil-lage cricket match, in the course of conversation Learie, that great apostle of racially equal cricket, said to me 'But for Jack I shouldn't be in this guard's van now."

That sort of quiet goodwill work by Jack and others should not be forgotten. He was a great athlete and a wonderful partner in court games. But most importantly he was a just man.

Robin Jasper

IT WAS my privilege to give J. G. W. Davies his First XI colours at Tonbridge in 1927 while he was still under 16. In all he had four years in the XI. one less than Colin Cowdrey.

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more than 90 cases of pneumonia since

The log, which covered 22 English counties returned widely last night.

At St. James's hospital, Leeds, it was stated

that since yearday morning 30 people, mostly elderly, had been admitted to tily hospitals suffering from chest complaints. Mr R. Dalley, the Leeds city analyst, said figures of sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere in the 24

hours ended moon yesterday were the highest ever recorded. They exceeded those recorded in London during the serious log pollution 10

At Birmingham Dr. E. L. M. Millar, medical officer of health, said the death figures did not indicate any noticeable increase. He thought Birmingham was

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The Clean Air Act of 1956 reduced the pollution of the atmosphere by snoke, but that caused by sulphur was probably worse than in the great fog of 1952. As early as 1929 The Times had drawn attention to the

problem of acidic pollutants police in the Metropolitan Police Area for the 24 hours ended midnight last night, bringing the total since midnight on Monday to 90. The daily average of sudden deaths reported to the police is seven. Applications for hospital beds in London under the emergency service from midnight on Wednesday to 9 o'clock last

night totalled 235: Measurements of pollution recorded by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in London yesterday showed that the average concentration of smoke was 2½ times higher and of sulphur dioxide seven times higher than those observed on an

average winter day. On Wednesday the average concentration of smoke was 10 times and of sulphur dioxide 14 times higher. The D.S.I.R. added: "Pollution since Tuesday has been comparable to that of the 1952 smog. but there is no doubt that without the Clean Air Act of 1956 and the resulting action by

Government and by local authorities to reduce pollution substantially the conditions would have been much worse than in 1952." Permission to wear masks was given yesterday to Metropolitan police officers "who suffer from a cardiac or respiratory condition?

after they have obtained them from their doctors. London bus services were halted by fog last night, and Green Line coaches were called in. London Transport informed The Times that conditions were the worst for buses for 10 years. Services had been maintained during the rush hour although many were running up to an hour late. At 7 p.m. conditions rapidly

deteriorated and it became impossible to continue operations. Underground services continued to run. The Royal Automobile Club said last night that most of their radio rescue vans in central London were fogbound. At midnight visibility over the whole of the Greater London area

was below 30 yards and in many places nil.

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Swiss jolt European unity hopes

The hopes John Major has of rescuing European unity at next weekend's Edinburgh summit were jolted yesterday by the Swiss, who voted against links with a free-trade area of the 12 EC states and the seven Efta countries

The prime minister, who with Douglas Hurd, his foreign secretary, embarked yesterday on a final round of meetings in European capitals in an attempt to iron out a deal for the summit, had championed the cause of enlarging the Pages 1, 10, 15

Zealots plunge India into turmoil

■ India appeared set on a course of religious confrontation after tens of thousands of Hindu zealots tore down an ancient mosque in Ayodhya yesterday. The mosque's three domes crashed down as police failed to intervene........ Pages 1, 11

Princess weds

The wedding of the Princess Royal to Commander Timothy Laurence will be at Crathie church, near Balmoral, next Saturday afternoon before 30 invited guests...

Bogus jobless

Many employers are exaggerating the threat of job losses to impress shareholders and take advantage of a loophole in accounting practice that will be closed next June...... Page 1

Lashes appeal

David Brown, a British hospital manager working in Saudi Arabia, is to appeal against a sentence of 50 public lashes of a bamboo cane imposed for swearing at his staff Page 2

Schools cuts

Avon are expected to become the first of many local authorities to cut education services for next year to bring budgets within government spending limits Page 4

Prudent doctors Huge savings have been made

in the first year of the fundholding scheme by family doctors who hold their own hospital budgets.. ... Page 4

Yeltsin hangs on

President Yeltsin just survived an attempt by the Russian Congress of People's Deputies to curb his powers as leader when a key vote to strip him of the right to appoint his own ministers failed by .. Page 10

Ban upheld

Serbia's electoral commission has upheld a ban on the presidential candidature of the Yugoslav prime minister, Milan Panic. It has ruled that Mr Panic cannot contest elections because he has not lived in the republic long enough...

Somali loot

Some aid workers in Somalia have moved most of their staff and stopped work in a number of areas because of the threat of local gunmen who have launched a series of last-minute looting raids before the first batch of American troops arrive in the country......Page I1

Drugs help

A support group has been set up by a woman in Lancashire for females who have been abused by men taking anabolic Page 7

Angling devotees go to court in Swindon today to seek thousands of pounds damages for the ravages to brown trout fishing grounds allegedly caused by the invasion of farm-bred rainbow ... Page 6 trout.

Good relations

Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador to China, said that despite Peking's angry attacks on Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, Britain's relations with the Chinese remained good

Don't drink and drive or dawdle

Drunken pedestrians can pose their own problems on the roads this Christmas. The government's transport research laboratory says that of pedestrians killed in the last two hours before midnight last year, four out of five had been drinking



Long haul: a Somali port worker carries two bags of rice from a French aid ship on to the beach north of Mogadishu. Page 11

Football: Mark Hughes scored his third goal in three games to win the Manchester derby for United at Old Trafford. Eric Cantona, recently signed from Leeds, appeared briefly as a substitute Page 19

Cricket: After six trouble-free weeks, India's "friendship tour" of South Africa has encountered its first anti-tour demonstrators when the visitors arrived in Cape Town to play tonight's first, one-day international, for which additional security measures have been taken to control unruly spectators.. Page 21

Gotf: Nick Faldo admitted yester day that his disqualification from the Sun City Million Dollar Challenge for signing an incorrect scorecard "served me right". Nick Price of Zimbabwe was also disqualified from the tournament which was won by the American-based South African David Frost...... Page 20

Warning signs: The UN economic commission, which has been sharply critical of radical reform policies being pursued by Russia and other eastern European states, has warned in its bulletin for Europe of the dangers of those policies being derailed if political realities are ignored....... Page 33

Breathing space: The troubled Irish aircraft leasing organisation, GPA Group, is able to continue negotiating a rescheduling of its debt after bankers agreed a series of waivers on the company's \$3.5 billion borrowings...

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Royally pleased: "Oh, we are pleased about the Princess Royal. By we, I mean the natural Anne fans, a legion of slightly foxed, travel-weary working women on the shady side of 40, who identify ever more closely with her as the years go by." Libby Purves on why the lastest royal engagement marks a happy return to reality .. Page 12

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After the Dance was a failure in 1939, but Saturday's BBC 2 television adaptation showed that it still has resonance...

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Teaching horror: Regardless of the lessons to be derived from the Holocaust, there is no sense whatever in ascribing its execution to Satanic . Page 31

A perfect mismatch: "The effect is extreme, clothes are either too small or too big. They are draped around the body, layer upon layer, and still manage to reveal flesh." Ian R. Webb analyses the street-chic Page 25 | appeal of grunge....

Simon Gray's two-part drama Unnatural Pursuits charts the disintegration of an alcoholic playwright as he possessively follows productions of his work in Britain and America (BBC-2, 9pm) Page 35

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On Friday four leaders of the European Community's Christian Democratic governments rejected the proposals put forward by John Major to help Denmark ratify the Maastricht treaty. Their unthinking reaction is a piece of political foolishness ...

University rethink

The charter published today by the National Union of Students is proof that this once discredited organisation is starting to modernise.

Princess for the 1990s

The surprise announcement at the weekend that the Princess Royal: will remarry ... will be greated by all but the most embittered republican as cause for celebration Page 15

MATTHEW PARRIS

From the day my father spelt my name wrong for the first time, and the day my mother took me, aged six, to a fancy dress party as "Christmas Past", dressed in a nappy with a big safety pin, I have always known that I was really somebody else's child...

PETER RIDDELL

Bill Clinton ... needs to hear European concerns if he is to avoid early errors abroad. While, understandably, he wants to make America's economic and domestic difficulties a priority, he cannot relegate foreign policy....

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A Stone Age man died, and the eternal snows covered him. But when the hikers came down and related what they had found, was ... there no one among the posseassembled for the climb up the mountain to say "leave him . Page 14

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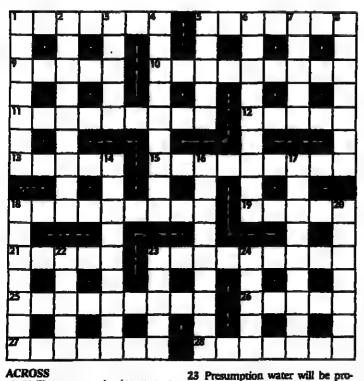
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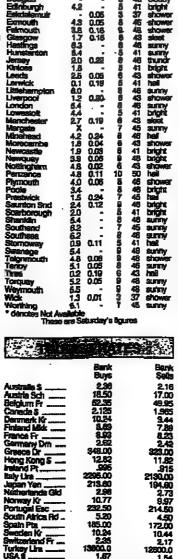
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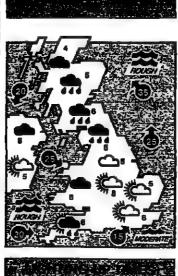
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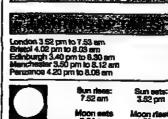
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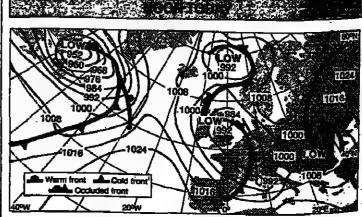
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Gollop makes the most of outside chance



position gave Will Gollop, from Whitstable in Kent, victory on a treacherous track ahead of his fellow Britons, John Welch and Barry Squibb, at the

at Brands Hatch yesterday (Stephen

Gollop, driving a turbo-charged MG Metro 6R4, had qualified for pole

track conditions he opted to start from the outside of the track rather than the customary inside position. It was a

principal rival, Squibb, slithered across the track, narrowly avoiding the barriers on both sides of the tarmac. Gollop took advantage to pull into an uncontested

ad as Souibb fought to resain control of his 500 horsepower Ford Escort X-Trak. Southb eventually recovered to take third place as Gollop, 42, claimed his third victory in the event.

McEnroe goes out with a bang

Fort Worth: Helping the Uni-ted States to win the Davis Cup would be a fitting farewell to competitive tennis for John McEnroe. His role in the final against Switzerland here may be restricted to playing dou-bles, but at 33 McEnroe has lost none of his inspirational

On Saturday, it was his words as much as his actions which turned the final in favour of the Americans after Jakob Hlasek and Marc Rosset had taken a two sets to love lead over McEnroe and Pete Sampras. McEnroe took advantage of a ten-minute break at the end of the third set to rally his partner and their 6-7, 6-7, 7-5, 6-1, 6-2 victory meant the United States needed to win only one of last night's reverse singles to take the cup. McEnroe has been part of a winning American team three times already - in 1979, 1981 and 1982 - and is the most successful American player in Davis Cup history with 41 singles wins and 18 doubles successes.

Sampras said McEnroe had stormed into the locker-room during the break for an emotional pep talk. "Mac in the locker room was so pumped up, just ranting and raving, and we went out there and played extremely good tennis," Sampras said. "It was just a matter of time before we got a couple of breaks. The last two sets was the best doubles I've ever played.'

Swiss hopes had been raised by Rosset's victory over Jim Courier, in Friday's singles. but Courier can clinch the final by beating Hlasek.

Simon Barnes, page 21

Security worries, page 21

Cantona's presence provides a spur as Manchester United enjoy derby supremacy

Cup draw lands plum tie

non-League sides who meet in a delayed FA Cup secondround tie on Wednesday, have been given an extra incentive to progress. The third-round draw yesterday has handed the winner a plum home tie against Tottenham Hotspur, eight-times winners of the

competition. The holders, Liverpool, must travel to the second division club, Bolton, to begin their defence of the cup when the third round is played in the

first week of January. The draw threw up some intriguing pairings. Arsenal. whose Premier League hopes have nosedived of late, must travel to either Yeovil or Hereford, both of whom are noted giantkillers. Wigan, from the second division, and Bury. from the third, meet in the second round to see who goes to Old Trafford to take on Manchester United.

The Premier League leaders, Norwich City, face Coventry, from the same division. Similarly, Chelsea visit Middlesbrough, Nottingham Forest host Southampton and Wimbledon face Everton.



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Hughes responds in style

Manchester United 2 Manchester City1

BY STUART JONES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

MARK Hughes is sweeping away the black clouds that were supposed to be gathering over his future at Old Trafford. With his third goal in successive games, Welshman yesterday settled the Mancunian derby and his own place at the top of his club's hierarchy of forwards.

Even before Eric Cantona was bought from Leeds United. Hughes had been the subject of a £2 million offer from Newcastle United. Although it was immediately and emphatically rejected, rumours persisted that he might soon be leaving. On form, though, he is indispensable, and McClair is instead more likely to be sacrificed should the French maverick become a regular feature in the line-up. Cantona made a brief, and

almost wholly irrelevant, appearance as a substitute yesterday, coming on after the interval for Giggs, who damaged tendons in a foot. But though Giggs's absence would leave a convenient vacancy. Alex Ferguson would doubtless prefer to maintain the balance and the belief of his

It has been restored just in time. A sequence of seven fixtures without a victory and with only four goals had left the impression that United were losing their way in the inaugural Premier League championship.

The win over their neighbours, which was more convincing than the score might indicate, was their third in a row. United have climbed back into fifth place, nine points off the pace, and their match next Saturday, again at Old Trafford, will be especially heavy in significance. The visitors are the leaders. Norwich City. United must close the gap if they are to complete

their own recovery and tuck themselves in among the gen-uine contenders. Otherwise, the impetus they gained on a rainswept afternoon will once more be lost.

It was built principally by the all-embracing contribudismissing the physical ag-gression of McMahon, he prompted the attack, assisted the defence and crowned a sparkling individual display by putting United ahead.

In the twentieth minute McMahon committed one of the fouls which littered the predictably fiery and disjointed occasion. He clattered into Robson, who chose to take the free kick himself. Hughes manoeuvered it into the crowded area, where Bruce rolled it deliberately back to Ince. With a crisp, left-foot drive, he scored his first goal

Ince was no less responsible for smothering City's more limited ideas, and particularly when he ran some 60 yards to end a swift counter-attack led by White. United's domination of the first half was otherwise pierced only by Simpson's attempt, which was dragged wide of a post.

United's shape had to be altered with McClair moving out to Giggs's role on the right

started with one measured cross for Hughes, the rest of his debut was negligible.

When Reid decided to bring himself on midway through the second half, the event was more balanced. The names of Phelan and McMahon, for yet another ill-timed assault. were added to that of Holden in the referee's notebook before United extended their lead in the 73rd minute.

Hill's headed dearance fell on to the chest of Hughes, who brushed aside a challenge before unleashing a characteristically spectacular volley. City responded within 60 seconds. As White challenged Schmeichel for a cross, the ball fell kindly for Quinn, who prodded in only his second goal this season. It was no goal this season. It was no more than a mere consolation. MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmetche, P Parker, D Invin, S Bruss, L Sharpe, G Pallister, B Robson, P Ince, B McCler, M Hughes, R Gogs; (sub: E Cantona). MANCHESTER (CTY: A Colon; I Brightwell, T Phalen, S McMahon, K Curle, A HR, D White, M Sheron (sub: G Fitteroff), N Cuinn, F Simpson (aux): P Reid), R Holden. Fallbroof G Ashby.

ageing legs brought a little more

coherence to City, even if McMahon

did soon receive the booking, that had

been a long time coming, for yet

another demolition job on Ince. In the

past month or two Ince has been

THE SINGLETON MALT WHISKY HAS INTOXICATED

World Cup bid claims

Karachi: Pakistan cricket officials claimed yesterday that the joint bid of Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka to hots. Pakistan's World Cup was larger financially than England's. Pakistan's

offer is believed to match the £5 million of England but had

been thought to be worth marginally less. The International Cricket Council will decide the venue on February 2. (AFP)

Malt whisky juries have long been falling over themselves to praise The Singleton. In the last six years it has won no fewer than eight

What makes this richer, fuller single malt so special? Could it be the damp, misty climate

THE SINGLETON AUCHROISK

Cantona stays cool under provocation guished pair of short, bent, pale and

By DAVID MILLER

IT MUST have been a relief to Eric Cantona that he was required to play in only half the frenzied and occasionally ugly Manchester derby match that was sometimes more a misguided test of manhood than of English football, though there perhaps exists anyway a confusion between the two. Fortunately, the side wanting to play football won a contest of who dares, wins.

Perhaps Cantona's most telling contribution was his refusal, having been contemptuously kicked by Me-Mahon, to accept the proferred handshake. McMahon, whose objective at times appears to be a pressing wish to get sent off, in fact managed only a booking for his profusion of fouls on a wet afternoon in which the referee was pursuing the game like a runaway bus. Cantona had replaced Giggs at halftime, an exchange which, with respect

to the elegant Frenchman, was not

necessarily a gain to a spectacle

already short on entertainment. Giggs

had damaged ankle tendons when

making a shot, and this left the three contenders in an election for two positions to parade their credentials side by side during the second half. Hughes was the one to profit, scoring a characteristic goal, as stylish as Ince's in the first half, to put United

two up with just over a quarter of an hour to go. Statistically, on past performances, this means that Hughes, with eight league goals and a tendency to score spectacularly rather than regularly, may have further expended his ration for the season. Alex Ferguson said afterwards, more optimistically, that

maybe Hughes was heading for his The place of McClair, who has scored only three times and yesterday moved into the space on the right flank vacated by Giggs, must be the more vulnerable.

However, neither Hughes nor Cantona is particularly noted for a capacity to blend with others, so an easy solution for Ferguson, to what he unlikely to present itself within the space of a few matches. There is a tendency, as Malcolm Allison learned to his cost when signing Rodney Marsh in mid-season, that an individualistic player can provide more problems than solutions. What Cantona will do is to sharpen the application of everyone else.

Apart from being a target of McMahon's intimidation - a privilege shared with Robson and, in particular, Ince - Cantona's involvement consisted of three crosses from the right, nicely struck, in the space of his first five minutes on the pitch. From the last of these Hughes sent a bustling header flying wide of the left

In an attempt to turn the match City's way when only one down, Peter Reid sent himself into the fray in place of Simpson, a busy left-sided player who had all but equalised just on halftime with a sharp cross shot, from Quinn's square pass, that grazed the

The introduction of that distin-

acquiring a reliability that can be invaluable to both United and Reid's explanation afterwards, at a brief press conference, about the timing of his entrance was so sarcastically dismissive as to make the conference valueless. But within a minute of Hughes's goal, Quinn had reduced the margin and United were left with an anxious closing stage, attempting to keep out a City side now

playing far more in keeping with their position in the table. Bruce, prostrate on the pitch for several minutes, got up to continue valiantly with United under the whip and it was to Hughes's relief, above all, when Schmeichel somehow kept out shots by Hill and White and the last whistle finally arrived.

THE JUDGES. major international awards.

Or the remarkably pure spring waters of Dorie's Well? Or the unique maturing process in . Spanish sherry casks? Whatever it is, there can be no

finer pastime than sitting down with a glass and deciding for

Frost cashes in on disqualifications of Faldo and Price

FROM OUR SPORTS STAFF IN SUN CTTY, SOUTH AFRICA

DAVID Frost won the \$1 million challenge title here in South Africa yesterday, but his victory was overshadowed by the disqualifications of Nick Faldo and Nick Price.

Frost, a South African, took golf's richest prize after a final round of 69 for a 12-underpar total of 276. John Cook, of four strokes behind and Ernie Els, of South Africa, and the American, Fred Couples, fin-ished joint third on 284.

Frost went into the final round virtually assured of victory after the disqualification on Saturday of Price, who shared the third-round lead, and Faldo. Price, who won the US PGA championship this year, was scratched from the field when he refused to sign his scorecard, losing his temper at having a two-stroke penalty imposed.

Faldo, the world No. 1, was disqualified for submitting an incorrect scorecard which showed the correct total of 72 for his round but recorded a par four for the final hole when the correct score was

that his disqualification served him right. "I guess the heat of the day got to the top of my head," Faldo, the Open champion, said. "I'm very disappointed - it's a bit of a shock.

screw-up. It's a lot of bucks but it serves me right." Faldo's playing parmer. Bernhard Langer, had filled in a par four for the final hole instead of the five which Faldo took.

Faldo said he had no hard feelings towards the German. 'It was my mistake," he said. "It's the first time in my career that I've done it. It's not the right tournament to do it in

Langer acknowledged his mistake. "I'm sorry about it but I didn't do it on purpose. It's terrible," he said. Faldo has had a torrid time here this week, being involved in another rules dispute with Els during the second round. Faldo was last disqualified

from a tournament when he infringed rules during the 1984 European Open, held at



YACHTING

Weather challenges

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Storm in trialists' tea cup

Sports Council that sportsmen there will be out-of-season

should not drink more than testing next year.

Faldo admitted yesterday involved in controversy at the 11th hole, where his caddie moved an advertising sign standing between his second shot and the green. An official told him moving the sign was a violation of local rules but he could take relief by dropping "It was a real 100 per cent his ball a club length away.

Price said he and Frost, his playing partner, put the inci-dent behind them and went on to score 68s, the best rounds of the day. But when Price handed in his scorecard, a tournament official asked about the sign incident, an offence carrying a two-stroke

Price was incensed by the penalty and erased his signature on his card. He wanted a second opinion. But Buddy Young, the senior tournament director, ruled that he had handed in an unsigned card.

Price said that after he had cooled down about an hour later, he told Young he was but Young "would not give me the benefit of the doubt". "I've done nothing wrong

Price said. "That's why I'm hurting so much. I was really, really cross. I'm still very hot

Officials said yesterday that they tried to find a way of reinstating Price. Young said he had given Price a second chance by seeking advice from the Royal and Ancient Club, golf's ruling body.

But when he telephoned St

Andrews for a second opinion, he was told all officials were at meeting and could not be contacted. Young criticised the R and A for not having an official available at weekends.

The disqualifications left only eight players in the field.



Money-spinner: Frost celebrates his victory in the \$1 million challenge yesterday

Allenby confirms Thomson's belief in his potential

IN MELBOURNE

ROBERT Allenby, of Australia, yesterday came of age at 21 when he won the Johnnie Walker Classic in the manner of a true champion with a 72 in the final round at Royal Melbourne.

Allenby captured the Aus\$126,000 first prize with a performance which supported the theory that he is destined to follow in the footsteps of his

Punta Arenas, Chile: The

effects of extreme cold and

seasickness are taking their

amateur crew members in the

British Steel Challenge round-

the-world race as they battle

head winds in the South

Pacific en route to Tasmarua

Lisa Wood, 33, from Surrey.

sailing aboard Heath Insured.

said yesterday: "If it gets any

colder, I'm going to super-glue myself to my bunk. It is so cold

and wet that I will have to have

my thermal clothing surgically

& Lybrand skipper, said that

one crew member had been

sick since the start of this second leg from Rio de Janei-

ro three weeks ago. "He has

THE Sports Council will be

asked to look at the implica-

tions of time-trialists drinking

excessive amounts of tea or

coffee in unpaced events of 12

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This follows a rider being

above the limit for caffeine

after the national 24 hours

championship last June. The

riderwas not named by the

sport's major controlling org-

anisation, the Road Time

Trials Council (RTTC), nor

The recommendation by the

Bryan writes).

was he suspended.

lost about a stone in weight."

Vivien Cherry, the Coopers

removed in Hobart."

(Barry Pickthall writes).

ition in the world game.

He started a blustery afternoon four shots in front of Peter Senior, sprinted further ahead with a birdie at each of the first three holes and his aggregate of 275, 13 under par, earned for him a famous win by five shots from Senior. Vljay Singh, of Fiji, finished on 283 to take third place.

Allenby was out in 33 and although he dropped two shots at the 11th, where he

Ian MacGillivray, the skip-

sailing without navigation

three cups of tea or coffee

amended because no other

Olympic sport lasts 12 hours

non-stop, during which riders

drink more than a gallon of

The RTTC rules make it an

offence to show more than 12

micrograms/ml of caffeine in

a sample. The proposed talks

between the RTTC and the

Sports Council may seek to

have the limit possibly raised

in events of 12 hours or more.

at Peterborough decided

Yesterday's annual meeting

holed out with immense confidence throughout the tourna-ment. "I expected to be nervous, but I set out to play sensible golf." he said. "I have made no secret of the fact that I am ambitious and I want to

be the No. 1." With this, his first victory in his native country. Alienby went to the top of the Australian order of merit. He also gained the final invitation to the Johnnie Walker world

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Inman's

and an exemption to the Open Championship at Royal St George's next July.

He intends to compete in Europe again in 1993 after finishing 86th on the Volvo Tour this year, when he played in only 11 tournaments. He gave an indication of his potential when runner-up to Nick Faldo in the Scandinavian Masters.

Peter Thomson, five-times Open champion, believes that

compatriot. Greg Norman, drove into bushes, was never championship, which starts in Allenby's swing is technically came in his 23rd start when he and achieve an eminent pos-seriously challenged. He Jamaica on Thursday week, correct and that he could be won the Perak Masters in invincible when he develops weight and muscle. His emergence is remarkable because only a year ago he was still an amateur, when he came within a whisker of winning the

> Melbourne. His father, Don, was a member at Sand Moor, in Leeds, before emigrating to Australia. Allenby became a professional without a cent to his name but his first success

Australian Open, also at Royal

Malaysia in October. Jamie Spence had a 74 to

finish the leading British play-

EQUESTRIANISM

Faultless display from Bost

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN BORDEAUX

licence withdrawn THE British Judo Association (BJA) has withdrawn the licence of Roy Inman, the

lights because of a shortage of bulbs, said: "We are wellie-ing along at ten knots, with the former manager of the British women's team, after a board decks constantly awash."

Cherry said that sea temof inquiry into alleged financial irregularities (a Special Correspondent writes). peratures were 6C, but head George Kerr, chairman of the bringing temperatures down to freezing point. "The good news is that we have averaged BJA, said: "The matter is now in hands of the Leicestershire 7.3 knots since rounding the

Inman said he is consulting Horn last week. If we can keep this up, we will be in Hobart his solicitors. "I categorically this up, we will be in Hobart by Boxing Day."

L'ADING POSTTONS (at 15:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Hobart): 1, Nuclear Electric (J. Cintienden), 4:270 miles; 2. Commercial Union (R. Merriwesther), 4:361; 3. Coopers & Lybrand (V. Cherry), 4:385; 4. Hofbrau Lager (P. Goss), 4:404, 5, British Steel II (R. Tudor), 4:405 6, Heath Insured (A. Donoran), 4:418; 7, Pride of Teesside (I. MacGallivray), 4:420; 8, Group 4: Securitas (M. Golding), 4:497; 9, Interspray (P. Jeffes), 4:833, 10, Shone-Poulenc (P. Philips), 5:051 state that I have not knowingly been responsible for any fi-nancial irregularities for personal gain, and the decision of the board of directors to withdraw my BJA licence seems totally inappropriate," he said.

Inman resigned after his squad won one silver and two bronze medals at the Barceiona Olympics. Kerr's statement was issued

during the national championships at Crystal Palace on Saturday, when Nicola Fairbrother, despite suffering from nerves, made a distinguished return to domestic competition after winning a silver in the lightweight category at Barcelona. A win with a leg grab restored her confidence. and she easily swept through the preliminary rounds before beating Natalie Evans, of Wolverhampton, with a strangle

The light-heavyweight women's category saw the Olympic middleweight bronze medal-winner, Kate Howey. establish a new dominance. using her fireman's lift throw with speciacular results.

ROGER Yves Bost and a rejuvenated Norton de Rhuys won the Volvo World Cup qualifier at the Bordeaux international show yesterday after three faultiess rounds in front of an unashamedly partisan crowd.

The win, Bost's second in

the competition in three years, underlines his horse's return to fitness after eight months out of work earlier this year. The 13-year-old gelding, who helped France to win the world championship in 1990, injured muscles in his back and had to miss the Olympic Games. He returned to competition in September and immediately won the Paris grand prix.

The former Great Britain

rides for Ireland, produced a superb performance from his new horse. Royal Chocolate, owned by Denise Stamp, to finish second. Charles bought the impressive German-bred gelding from Finland in October after seeing a videotane of

They were fourth in the Berlin World Cup qualifier last month and yesterday had the satisfaction of relegating Eric Navet and Quito de Baussy, the world and European champions, to third

The best British performance came from Veronique Whitaker, on Henderson Fol Amour, who reached the first jump-off where they hit the first fence. Even so. Whitaker, compete at Olympia next week, is, at 21st, the highest placed British rider in the Western European league for the World Cup.
The only other Briton to go

clear over Bernard Basque's opening round was Robert Smith on Tees Hanauer. They then had eight faults in the first jump off but Smith had plenty of consolation for this

A win on Saturday with his brilliant speed horse, Clover, and second place in the speed class yesterday added nearly

class yesterday added hearty £5,000 to his purse.

WORLD CUP OUALFREN: 1 Notion de Phuya (fl Y Bost, France), 0 tauts, in 38 france; 2 Royal Chocotse (P Charles, telantd), 0, 34.10; 3, Outro de Baussy (E Navel, France), 4, 33.14 Standings (Wastern European League); 1, H Lutter (Germany), 56 prs. 2, J Tops (Holland), 46; equal 3, J Lametrik and P Raymakes (Holland), 42.

Havant's quality finishing earns league leadership

By Sydney Friskin

HAVANT shot to the forefront of the men's Pizza Express National League after a hardearned victory over East Grinstead in a match of high quality on Saturday. Two brilliant goals by the

league champions in the second half shook East Grinstead. From a short corner in the 49th minute, a dummy strike by Giles confounded the East Grinstead defence and Garcia flicked the ball into the net with telling effect.

In the 65th minute, the outstretched left hand of Wil-

liams sent the ball flashing into the net from a cross delivered by Giles East Grinstead, however, continued their search and were rewarded when a short corner, only the second of the match, was skilfully handled, the final pass by van Asselt enabling Clift to score with barely a

East Grinstead's defensive strategy had to be realigned when Leman limped off early in the first half with an ankie injury. His replacement, Ben Barnes, distinguished himself, as did another substitute, Ranveer Virdi, in the middle play by both sides was largely exploratory, the control resting in midfield.

The best chance in this period was created for Havant w Williams who broke free from a short corner to East Grinstead in the 22nd minute and set off at high speed ended with a gentle push wide

Havant's first goal after the interval crowned a short period of ascendancy in which Williams, Giles and Cross stead's attacks in reply were inspired by Peter Head, with Bhatti and Lee - running strongly on the flanks.

Once Havant increased their lead, East Grinstead climb and Clift's goal did no than

In the end, there was worry for East Grinstead about the fitness of Leman for the crucial match against Hounslow on Saturday and joy for Havant, season now find themselves in

Skinners secure Isca's progress

ROBERT and Graham Skinthe Royal Bank of Scotland Cup next Sunday, each scor-ing yesterday in a 2-1 victory over Redbridge & Ilford.

In this rearranged fourthround match, Isca were a goal down at the interval but Robert Skinner, from a short corner in the 52nd minute, and Graham, from open play lsca to safety. Mustafa Yikirim had put Redbridge & Ilford

Of the two Skinner brothers, Robert played for England,

ween 1985 and 1988. The 1-0 defeat of Stourport by Slough on Saturday left Hounslow and Southgate joint leaders of the Pizza Express National League first division, with Havant in third place, only four points behind. Simon Organ made the allimportant breakthrough for Slough in the 62nd minute.

three goals for Hounslow in a 7-0 victory over St Albans and Welch and Waugh finished Southgate's 5-0 win over 2 Castenskiold scored the other.

Robert Thompson scored

into fourth position with a 7-2 Thompson's four goals making him the league's leading scorer, with 15, two ahead of Osborn from Reading. goals by Royce, McGuire and illson. Bromley secured their first win in ten matches, a comfortable 5-1 success

With Osborn scoring in the 65th minute from a short corner, Reading scraped to a the second division. Indian Gymkhana remain in second Brooklands, but three Gym-

Rawlinson's goal lifts **Ipswich title hopes**

IPSWICH increased their lead at the top of the women's national league thanks to some hard work and some good fortune. While their coach, Toby Mullins, may not have been heartened by his team's performance to beat Clifton 1-0, his mood will have been lifted by the news that their nearest rivals, Hightown, had lost 1-0 to Leicester.

It took Ipswich a while to recover from their six-and-ahalf hour journey to Bristol and Clifton created their best chances during the first half. But the half-time break gave Ipswich new life and, within 12 minutes of the restart, Debbie Rawlinson had put them ahead and the championship within reach.

Hightown and Sutton Coldfield both saw their chances slip away. Hightown falling to a Sarah Naylor goal in the second half while Sutton dis-

pensate for determination. Against Ealing, Sutton opening period, with both sides showing an eye for goal and an ability to move the ball around. But it was Ealing who took the lead through their New Zealand player, Kate Trolove. She did all the hard work down the right wing and finished well with a cracking

covered that skill cannot com-

shot from an acute angle. Sutton responded by coming forward but, true to recent form, failed to score. In all they won more than a dozen perialty corners, but could only Jane Swimnerton found the target after 25 minutes. As Ealing dug in, they claimed victory in the final seconds. Anne Green knocking in a Sarah Lawfull cross to lift them out of the relegation

Municipal baths outlawed by the powers that be

THE amateur game yester-day made a brief incursion into enemy territory, in this case Wakefield Trinity's municipal-owned ground, but found the way to the showers and dressing rooms at Belle Vue barred. These were declared sacred professional property and therefore outof bounds to the finalists in the amateur Yorkshire Cup.

Instead, the players of Westgate Redoubt and Normanton, members of the Wakefield amateur league, along with the match officials, were forced into a spartan, partially derelict building at the side of the ground, normally used by local youth teams.

Chris Irvine reports on the latest twist in the damaging conflict and power struggle threatening rugby league

At lunchtime, the invasion began. A side door eased ajar and the teams felt the hallowed turf, soon to be mad, underfoot. Then, after the medals ceremony and mayoral handshakes after Westgate's 17-14 victory, they were just as quickly turied off.

In an increasingly spitcful and damaging conflict be-tween the Rugby Football League (RFL) and British

Amateur Rugby League Asso-ciation (Baria), the two gov-erning bodies of the sport, events at Wakefield yesterday touched new heights of Indicrousness. Because the pitch belongs to the local authority, the amateur game managed, for the first time, to get round the ban by the RFL on their use of professional grounds for important occasions. But as the showers

are owned by Trinity, the finalists could not darken the changing room door.

David Hinchcliffe, MP for Wakefield and secretary of the rugby league parliamen-tary group, said: "Trinity and

the amateurs are not at

loggerheads. The club would

happily have accommodated them, but had to toe the line they have been told to. It's the people who won't come round the table who are making this game a total laughing stock."

The long running fight between the RFL and Barla

for the control of youth rugby has turned into one to the death. While the league last week declared a possible end in sight, its hope of a unified governing body may be left with overseeing an utterly disunited game.

At its grass roots, rugby league is withering Rugby union has been an unlikely saviour. Twickenham gave its permission for the recent

Lancashire amateur rugby league final to be staged at Liverpool St Helens. However, the lure of better facilities at union clubs in the north are beginning to turn players' heads. While Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the RFL talks of a grand vision of a national game, his counterpart at Baria foresees a

bleaker future.
For those in the middle of this unseemly scrummage, it is harmful nonsense. "We came here for our big day." Steve Dickens, the coach of Westgate, said, "and you can't even get a proper bath. never mind an early one."

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When sport serves only as a substitute for war

PERHAPS we should pass a law against the Davis Cup. It is cruelty of the highest order. There is a point at which sport becomes so intense that it goes beyond all sanity, sweeping up players, offici-als and audience in a delirium of victory and defeat. While the illusion of sport holds, here at Fort Worth, Texas, life and death do indeed seem small matters.

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"However, he just roared and bellowed, and swore he would smash my nose. I told him to smash and be damned, that I was kind of a smasher myself. He said, 'You are, are you?', and struck me on the nose, and started to pull his gun. I pulled mine and fired. He fell with a .45 ball through his head." This is from a marvellous thing I have discovered. The life of John Wesley Hardin as written by himself; a genuine autobiography of the renowned Texan bad man and gunslinger. Texas is an appropriate place for a Davis Cup final, and Hardin's book echoes the same spirit of intense and utterly gratuitious confrontation.

Three days of Davis Cup tennis have provided a searching and enthralling examination, not of tennis skills but of the stomach for fight among tennis players. It has been shattering for the losers; almost equally shattering for the

The tie matched the United States against Switzerland: US Marines v the Swiss Guards. America fielded the Dream Team of tennis: Jim Courier, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, John McEnroe. The Swiss had to do the business with just two players, journeymen pros both. Probably neither is a household name in his own household: Marc Rosset, 6ft 5in and a chap who looks remark-ably like Tintin, and Jakob Hlasek, a naturalised Czech. With Rosset's service and Hlasek's touch, you have half each of a very good player indeed. But the United States had four very good players indeed. No contest, you'd have thought have thought.

To bring the matter down to the dreaded computer rankings, the first match featured the ninth best player against the 36th. That is how it looked: Agassi over-whelmed Hlasek. The second put the world No. 1 against No. 35: Courier against Rosset. That is when the final exploded, and tennis entered the realm of the improbable, as it tends to do in the

Davis Cup.

The match lasted for five sets and close on five hours, and was conducted in an atmooshere of "The 11,417 in attendance checked their tennis etiquette at the door," the Fort Worth Star Telegraph reported. Examples: every service fault was



Fired by patriotic fervour: Rosset, left, celebrates taking a point off Courier on his way to a five-set, five-hour victory, while McEnroe and Agassi fly the flag in a losing cause

cheered to the echo. An American

player had only to glance at an

official to bring down a storm of

booing. Voices in the crowd shout-

ed "out" to distract the opposition.

One chap had the bright idea of

shouting "foot fault!" several times

The players slugged it out in a trance of intensity. They played as

if they had been told that the loser

would be taken out and shot. For

the players and for the crowd, the thing became a matter not of joy

but of desperation. Tennis was

designed as a garden game, and was originally called, if I remember the spelling correctly, sphairistike. Sphairistike was surely never intended to be played as if

After that colossal second

match. Courier gave a brief yup-

nope press conference. He looked

on Rosset's service.

life were at stake.

red flags and making Swiss noises. "To be honest it kind of irritated me a little bit," Agassi said. "And I think those bells are a little

Courier didn't think much of

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ready for the firing squad. Did you feel you had the momentum before the break, Jim? "Yes." How did you play, Jim? "Poorty." Do tennis player so shattered by a defeat. In tennis, defeat is normally a personal affair: it is a private thing, and it is up to you to laugh it you have trouble in Davis Cup off and live it down as you see fit. because of the atmosphere? "Possi-"Did the Swiss fans beat you? In Davis Cup, defeat is shared. "Good question, buddy. That's and it is not diminished but pretty brilliant." Goodnight, Jim. hopelessly magnified by the shar-There were more than a thouing. You have let your team down: sand Swiss in the stadium, wafting you have let your country down.

Sport at such intensity inspires a player far beyond his normal capacity, or provokes utter collapse. Rosset may not be the world's best tennis player, but he has one of the world's best services: he hammered in 27 aces, saving the biggest and boomingest for the

big points. He also threw in 20 double faults; but it was the service that gave him the edge — that and his especity to find inspiration where Courier found only a crip-

pling responsibility.

The bull-baiting atmosphere was redoubled for the doubles match on the second day. Rosset and Hlasek were wheeled out again, to take on the fresh pairing of McEnroe and Sampras. Courier and Agassi were ringside to roar encouragement at the team - and also to mar discouragement at the opposition. "You can shout for the American, but don't shout about the other player," Rosset said,

wonderingly.

Hlasek said: "I have huge respect for American sport. But I would have even more respect if the United States of us with more respect."

Bad-mouthing the opposition is an American tradition - not a very attractive one, it must be said.

I have watched people do it in pick-up softball games in Central Park. "Next time you smile at me, you smile with no teeth, buddy." Odd the way "buddy has become a term of abuse.

McEnroe began the day yelling at the opposition, abusing the Swiss non-playing captain, Dimi-tri Strudza, whacking a couple of balls at the Swiss players, and gesturing pointedly with his rack-et. Agassi bunged in his few cents-worth from the bench. God bless

The Swiss certainly had their chance in another five-setter, another match of a thousand improbabilities. They were a fag-paper away from pulling it off. The buil-baitting crowd was cease-lessly vocal: "Foot fault" But the Swiss took the first two sets on ticbreaks, and looked set to do the same in the third. For once, a set went with service throughout. Rosset had only to serve out to set up a third-set tie-break - Rosset with the bazooka arm. Rosset who had not had so much as break nst him throughou

match. But he was broken. McEnroe raised himself to a pitch of frenzy, screaming at a line judge, milking the crowd for all he was worth, arms aloft, face contorted. It was absolutely shameless

The crowd gave it all it had. I thought the roof was going to fall down. So, I expect, did Rosset. In a sense it did: set point down, Rosset sent down a real boomer. But McEnroe booomed it back an

The players slugged it out in a trance of intensity. They played as if they had been told that the loser would be taken out and shot.

unreachable cobra-strike forehand, snapping across the net at an impossible angle. Rosset was broken, the dream in tatters. Then followed a ten-minute

Dreak. "Mac wa us in the locker room, pumped up," Sampras said. "He was ranting and raving." Yes. but what exactly did he say, Pete? Sampras smiled apologetically.

ATHLETICS

Baines produces

cheer for Oxford

SIMON Baines salvaged some of Oxford's pride by

retaining his individual title in

the closing men's event, but

the University cross-country

races over a glutinous Wim-

bledon Common on Saturday

"Let's kick some ass. It was on that level." Well, the entire Davis Cup is on that level.

The Americans then proceeded to play two sets of near-perfect doubles. Rosset and Hlasek, shattered by the dashing of cup from lips, mentally and physically wrecked: Rosset, playing his minth and tenth sets in 24 hours, and passing his ninth and tenth hours on court, had no answer. "We lost a battle today," Hlasek said.

No sport is about athletic ability alone. Every competition is also, to some extent, an examination of a player's courage. When the stakes are so impossibly, so ludicrously high, that examination is souldeep, searching and cruel. To witness such an examination is to feel nothing less than embarrass-ment, as if such self-revelation were less than decent.

I can only leave the final words to John Wesley Hardin. "Here I wish to tell my readers that if there is any power to save a man, woman or child from harm. outside the power of the Living God. It is this thi never was afraid of anything except ghosts and I have lived that down now, and they have no

CRICKET: RECENT TERRORIST INCIDENTS HAVE PUT SOUTH AFRICAN BOARD ON THE ALERT

Mahanama launches Sri Lanka

Colombo: Roshan Mahana-ma continued to be a thorn in the New Zealanders' side here yesterday, reaching his second consecutive Test match century as Sri Lanka reached 303 for six on the opening day of the second Test match.

Mahanama reached his hundred off 128 balls, sharing a record opening partnership of 102 with Chandika Hathurusinghe, but his side lost its way later in the day as the New Zealand bowlers struck back.

Sri Lanka lost three wickets for 22 runs off 42 balls in the afternoon and a further two wickets in the space of three overs with the second new ball after tea.

But it was a different story when Mahanama was at the crease. He reached 50 at a run a ball, hitting 14 fours in a stay of 217 minutes before falling to a catch at mid-wicket by Grant Bradburn off Michael Owens for 109.

Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain, and Hashan Tillekeratne put on 92 for the fifth wicket before the second new ball, in the 81st over, brought New Zealand immediate results.

Owens was the pick of the New Zealand bowlers, finishing with three for 73. He was somewhat conspicuous, sporting a long plaster across his right jaw after a mishap at practice two days ago that required five stitches. (Reuter)

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Security worries cast first cloud over the Indian tour

FROM RICHARD STREETON, IN CAPE TOWN

AFTER six trouble-free weeks, India's tour of South Africa has unwittingly become involved in the harsher realities of life in the Republic. The Indians encountered their first anti-tour demonstrators when they arrived here for tonight's one-day international, for which additional security measures have been taken.

More serious, though, is growing concern among the touring team and South African officials about the increased violence in the Eastern Cape, where the Indians go next. The South African board is reluctant to disclose whether any contingency plans have been made to alter the itinerary after two separate terrorist attacks in the area last week. But a senior board official conceded that parts of the country were passing through a volatile period and that it made sense "to monitor the

situation closely". The Indians are scheduled to play the second international in Port Elizabeth on Wednesday. Later in the tour, they have two matches in East London before returning to Port Elizabeth for the third Test match over Christmas. Both cities are in the same region where a hand grenade was rolled into a King William's Town golf chub, killing four people and injuring 17. This was followed by a limpet mine being left under a table in a Queenstown restaurant

and injuring 19.
One of the organisations associated with the Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army has threatened disruptive action to the Indian fixtures in both Port Elizabeth and East London. It leaves the South African board with a heavy About 50 demonstrators

carrying placards which said "Indians go home" and "In-dia has betrayed us" were at Cape Town airport on Saturday to meet the team, who left by an alternative exit road. Tonight's day/night inter-national at Newlands is being beamed live to India, with selected highlights going to 38 other countries, including

Britain. Dr Ali Bacher, the South African board's managing director, said: "It would be disastrous for the image of South African cricket and sport and would reflect dread-fully on the country if we have any crowd problems."

Extra security staff will ring the boundary edge to stop spectators running onto the

field and the sale of alcohol will be restricted. These measures follow numerous incidents at Pietermaritzburg on Friday night when the Indian batsmen became concerned for their safety after several

invasions by spectators. Azharuddin, Indiacaptain, believes South Africa will have to consider erecting high wire fences at their grounds in similar fashion to those in India, Pakistan and West Indies. South Africans are reluctant to do this because by tradition every-body is still allowed to swarm onto the field during intervals. This evening's 18,000 crowd will be very much on trial.

An unusuai accident between Wessels, the captain, and de Villiers, the fast bowler, brought further worries for the South Africans at practice yesterday. The two men collided head on as both went for a high catch and were taken to hospital. Wessels had more than 20 stitches and de Villiers 15 put into deep forehead cuts. Provided there is no delayed concussion, both are expected to be fit tonight, though de Villiers in any case is expected to be twelfth man. India seem likely to prefer

success as all-rounder

Perth: Phil Simmons, a part-time bowler, produced his best one-day performance as a tactical gamble by West Indies laid the foundations for a crushing nine-wicket victory

Simmons captured two for 22 in a ten-over spell which helped restrict Australia to 160 for seven. He then struck an unbeaten 43 as he linked with Desmond Haynes in a partnership of 111, which carried West Indies to victory with 11.3 overs to spare. Haynes hit an unbeaten 81

The decision to use Simmons as a bowler in to strengthen the batting line-up — Gus Logie was brought in paid handsome dividends as he collected the prize wickets of Dean Jones and Steve

angrily to the jeering his team suffered. "It wasn't a great performance but we are play-ing for Australia," he said. "People of Western Australia could get behind us a little bit more. Mike Whitney got pelted with cans and fruit and that is reserved for playing overseas."(Agencies)
AUSTRALIA

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-15, 3-32, 4-36, 5-64, 6-122, 7-137.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-51 BOWLING: McDermott 7-2-32-0; Whitney 5-0-30-0; Raiffel 6-1-12-1; S R Waugh 8-2-31-0; Matthews 9-0-90-0; M E Waugh 3-3-0-21-

Simmons is

over Australia in yesterday's World Series Cup game here.

were largely a Cambridge benefit. With six men in the first eight and their four scoring women, led by Channah Fothergill, packed into the first five of their race, it was hardly a contest. Even the old blues events saw the first Oxford man. Andy Robinson, sixth. Last in this 3.9-mile sticky slog, which also tackled the treacherous from 121 balls. water-splash through Beverley

Brook, was Jack Emery, 79, a pre-war international in, of course, Cambridge colours. This was the 102nd match between the universities' men and it took the score to Oxford 52, Cambridge 50. After 17 Allan Border reacted years of the women's contest it

is 10-7 to Cambridge.

Baines and Fothergill caught the eye over the testing courses laid out at Kingston Vale by the Thames Hare and Hounds. Baines, 21, runs also for Tonbridge. On November 1, he was fourth in the Mike Sully cross country at Bristol, matching strides most of the way with the leaders, John Kipkosei, the Kenyan, and Chris Buckley. A week earlier,

BY MICHAEL COLEMAN he ran the twelfth fastest leg in the AAA six-stage road relay. Despite feeling sick before the race, he attacked from the start, plunging first into the

water-splash at the half-mile.

Charles Addison led the Cam-

bridge pursuit, but it was not

for the individual honour. Baines admitted cross country was now competing with his studies. "I have the Kent title next Saturday, the Durham international on January 2 and also the inter-counties, so I'm busy," he said. "But my track season is uncertain as I have finals in June."

Fothergill was the eleventh fastest for Halamshire in the women's national road relays two weeks ago. On Saturday, she dropped Emma Coleman. her captain and the winner last year, on the hill.

RESULTS: Men (7½ mřest): Individual: 1, S Baines (Magdaian, Odord), Samh 28sec; 2, C Addison (Jeaus & Darwin, Cambridge), 39:23: 3. E Broome (Oriel, Oxford), 40:14: 4, I hainnes (Darwin, Cambridge), 40:34: 5, D Bonti (Peserhouse, Cambridge), 40:34: 5, D Bonti (Peserhouse, Cambridge), 40:34: 5, D Bonti (Peserhouse, Cambridge), 40:35: Touri: Cambridge, Individual: 1, C Fothergili (Filowillam, Cambridge), 17:20: 2, E Coleman (Newman. Cambridge), 17:20: 2, E Coleman (Newman. Cambridge), 18:25: 5, H Murro (Jesus, Cambridge), 18:27: 8, M Myers (St Arme's, Oxford), 18:48. Team: Cambridge, 12pts; Oxford 28: Old bluse (3.9 mřes): Men: 1, S Nash (Cambridge): 2, Hamies (Cambridge); 3, D Berton (Cambridge): Team: Cambridge); 2, E Soketi (Oxford), 3, S Springman (Cambridge): Team: Cambridge); 2, E Soketi (Oxford), 3, S Springman (Cambridge): Team: Cabrid Oxeaeti Winner (on age and sex groups): Oxford 3, Cambridge): Team: Cabrid Oxeaeti Winner (on age and sex groups): Oxford 3, Cambridge): Team: Cabrid Oxeaeti Winner (on age and sex groups): Oxford 3,

Reynolds vows to return

BUTCH Reynolds, the world 400 metres record-holder, has pledged to return to international athletics despite official threats to counter-sue him. Reynolds was awarded \$27.3 million (about £18 million) in damages against the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) for loss of earnings during a two-year

suspension for drugs.
The IAAF has dismissed as 'worthless" the judgment in an American court, but the American insisted: "They can their vindictive suspension ends January 1, I'm running. Come hell or high water, I am going to get on the track." The IAAF, which suspend-

ed Reynolds for two years in 1990, said it was considering "the possibility of commencing proceedings against Reynolds for libel and taking further disciplinary action against him ... Reynolds received backing yesterday from the governing body for American athletics, which pledged to oppose any attempt

to suspend him.

SNOOKER

White and **Davis** all square

By PHIL YATES

JIMMY White, winner of the UK championship eight days ago, and Steve Davis, who, in contrast, is attempting to capture his first title since the Asian Open in January, were level at 4-4 after an enthralling opening session of their Coalite World Matchplay quarter-final at Doncaster yesterday.

Although Davis has prevailed in 19 of their previous 34 meetings, White has been victorious in the past three. That, plus White's recent good form, made the bookmakers install him as odds-on favour-

White lost the opening frame to a 65 break from Davis and should have gone 2-0 down. At 43-8, Davis missed a simple blue from its spot when in prime position, before White pulled off a speciacular double on a respotted black.

A run of 64 gave White a 2-I lead but Davis responded with a clearance of the colours to win the fourth frame. Davis missed a straightforward red with the rest in the fifth frame and White, whose unerring ability to exploit scoring opportunities was such a feature of his UK championship success, replied with breaks of 73 and 52 in the next to earn a 4-2 advantage.

At that point, the capacity crowd of 1,000 must have expected White to increase his lead. However, Davis is a proven fighter and, after claiming a scrappy seventh frame, he completed the afternoon's play with a 97 break.

Both players were left requiring five of the remaining nine frames to progress into a semi-final against Gary Wilkinson, the defending cham-pion, or Martin Clark, who meet today.

RESULTS: First round: A McManus (Scot) bt T. Griffiths (Weles), 9-7: J Wattane (Thai) bt D Morgan (Wales), 9-7: Quarte-finals: J. White (Eng) level with S Davis (Eng), 4-4.



Wasim Akram were the highlights of the Pakistanis' 94-run win over a Northern Territory Invitation XI yesterday.

Wasim, fresh from taking the man-of-the-match award in a win over West Indies in the World Series Cup in Perth on Friday, also scored 50 in 61 minutes, including two towering sixes, as the World Cup

holders gave full value to a crowd of 2,500 — ten per cent

of the population of Alice

Springs. Pakistan scored 273 from their 50 overs, then dismissed the local team for

Wasim took the last three wickets of the invitation team's innings. Damian Reeves. Greg Connors and Wayne Holdsworth, all bowled. The Northern Territory XI had been on target briefly, scoring their first 50 in 35 minutes. but tight bowling by Asif Mutjaba, a left-arm spinner, Wasim and Naved Anjum settled the issue. (Reuter)
SCORES: Pakisanis 273-5 (50 overs);
Northern Tentiory Invitation XI 179 (45.5 overs).





BY GERALD DAVIES

their die hard supporters.

would wish the label of

favouritism thrust upon them

just yet, but Cardiff, who looked to be drowning last

season, are playing with confi-

Their committee men walk

with a swagger and, since the crowds are back, could afford

to declare this game on Satur-

day all-ticket. Second from

bottom of the Heineken League first division last sea-

son. Cardiff, after winning by

a try and a penalty goal to two

penalty goals, are now sharing

top position with Swansea,

dropped a point.

who had not previously

Alex Evans, their Australian coach, has introduced cohe-

sion into a team where once

only confusion reigned. Re-

cent seasons would have seen

them capitulate in a muscular

game such as this. Now, they

hung on grimly and were rewarded with the most dra-

matic victory. In the 42nd minute of the second half, with

the referee marking off the seconds. Cardiff scored the

Once the scrum was called

emed likely that the home

on Swansea's 22-metre line, it

side would score. Not that

Cardiff had given strong hints

that they were capable of

doing so; it was just that Swansea, apart from one or

two convincing thrusts, had always looked complacent

enough to let them in. Both

Stuart Davies and Webster

gave away penalties through

Swansea's general ap-proach, despite Moriarty and

Amold winning the lineouts,

seemed based on defending a

sequence of 11 victories rather

match-winning try.

dence again.

Cardiff capitalise

on Swansea's

Capital display of pre-match planning

London Division 26 Midland Division 16

HUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IT IS a moot point whether London's success in the opening round of the ADT divisional championship at Sudbury on Saturday was down to their own pre-match planning or their opponents' shortcomings on the pitch.

If the resurgence of the South West is not merely a flash in the pan, we may know more when London go to Gloucester next weekend; but they took the gamble of playing five loose forwards and were suitably rewarded.

However, since the Midlands, the defending champions, contributed much to the scoreline by unforced errors. judgment of London's grand expansive design must wait. In particular, the Midland forwards, among whom Johnserved a far better return.

Les Cusworth put a perceptive finger on the difference between the teams. Cusworth assistant coach to the Midlands, twinkles as much in conversation as his feet did as a player, but his words bore a harsh reality: "The spine of the side - Nos. 9, 10 and 15 took London to parts of the field where they wanted to go.

Far too often, we were playing the game behind our own gain line and some of the running was pretty meaningquestions of Buzza and should

"Decision makers in the Midlands have not been of the same calibre as in the other divisions, whereas Rob [Andrewl looked very sharp. One thing he does is dictate the game, he reads it very well."

Moreover, by opting, on a chilly afternoon, for an intensly mobile game, London lured their opponents into responding and forgetting their own plans.

It was a courageous decision by London, who lost three of their first-choice backs during the week, to stick to their original philosophy and it served to create confusion. They even began as though they could dominate the setpieces, but possession deteriorated as the match wore on, and if the Midlands half backs could have established positions in the London 22, they might have prospered.

As it was, the Midlands were left to rue a series of mistakes which gave London their winning platform: the short drop-out by Steele after London pressure which conceded the position for the stand-off half's first successful kick: the free kick conceded which led to Ryan's try; the interception of Packman's pass which gave Andrew his 50-metre run for the line; the lineout penalty which gave



Power play: Johnson, the Midland lock, forces his way past the attentions of Probyn as Steele anticipates the next move at Sudbury

London their ten-point cush-ion near the end.

You could argue the Mid-lands were unlucky to lose Kardooni with a damaged rib cartilage, but Dawson, his replacement, enjoyed himself and confirmed how right Northampton are to play him in his school position of scrum half rather than at centre, where most of his senior rugby

of this championship will be to see how London's horses-forcourses approach works. Tony Jorden, their chairman of selectors, admitted there will be some "minor tinkering" before the game with the

LONDON: A Buzza (Waspe), S Pilorim (Waspe), M Buzze Planequena), J Bucklan (Saracers), D O'Leary (Suracers): R Andrew (Waspe), S Bette (Waspe); J

(Blackhesth), M. Ruksell (Herlequins), R. Langhom (Herlequins), J. Cassell (Saracens), D. Ryan (Mespa).

MIDLANDS: J. Litry (Lecester), S. Heckmay (Lecester), P. Pochman (Northampson), H. Thorneycroft (Northampson), J. Steele (Northampson), A. Kardooni (Lecester), P. Dewson, Northampson), M. Linnett (Mossley), J. Oliver, (Northampson), D. Garforth (Lecester), P. Bhillingford (Mossley), M. Johnson (Lecester), M. Bayfield (Northampton), N. Back (Lecester), D. Richards (Leicester), P. Back (Lecester), D. Richards (Leicester), Reference S. Planto (Virginia (Mossley)).

South West wings steal show

South West

By Christopher Irvine

maligned divisional championship carried more weight. Nick Beal, of Northampton, Gloucester, might be challenging the likes of Ian Hunter and Rory Underwood more strongly for the England wing places against France next

Between them, five tries for the South West was a measure of their eye for the main chance, intuition and innate speed and strength off the mark. Yet afterwards, there was no mistaking the targets the autograph hunters at Kirkstall, just as selectorial pens will not fail to fill in the so-called obvious choices for Twickenham on January 16. · Neither performances, nor results, have counted much since the competition's inception in 1985. As merely a finishing-school for interna-

Hampshire 18

tional combatants, Saturday enforced the need for a great deal of polishing still. Of the eight favourite candidates, only Ben Clarke advanced his reputation, and then his wide roamings will rarely enjoy such generous latitude.

The contribution of the England establishment to the first win by the South West in eight attempts against the North was unnervingly small.



Clarke: roaming brief

was only marginally more wayward than that of the largely ineffectual Webb. Four times his metronomic placekicking stuttered in straightforward positions, although Barnes then did no better. For all the good that the recent game with South Africa

and a summer tour of Namibia and Zimbabwe did them, the North were strangely disjointed. Hunter was a lone and often pointless spear carri-er, when they finally breached the visitors' 22-metre line in the 35th minute. Up front, the impressive Swansea prop. Chris Clark, assisted a destruction job on the home side's foraging and tackling of

Greenwood and Pepper pre-

vented outright domination in

son and Clarke. Hill may no longer endanger Dewi Morris's position at scrum half but, until the departure of Morris with injured ribs, the Bath man outmanoeuvred his rival around the scrums and rucks,

burden than boon, such was the frequency of his infringing. Opportunities were scattered like autumn leaves, until

win half-decent possession. At

the lineout, Dooley was more

the South West wing men North, Morris hared off down the left flank for three touchdowns, and Beal's blistering sidestep, instinct and calm assurance created two scores out of nothing. Underwood and Hunter were not the only ones left gasping.

where the North struggled to Hampshire gain from Havant link

creates concern

By PETER BILLS

Gloucester plight

GLOUCESTER, so used to being in the forefront of the English game, face a winter of mounting discontent, in which survival in the Courage Clubs Championship first division remains their sole ambition. Indeed. much hinges on it being achieved. if the bleak prospect of

relegation should occur, and their chairman. Peter Ford. concedes it will be difficult to avoid, then the possibility of a rebellion among the membership is anticipated.

Ford, an England interna-tional in 1964, talked animatedly about Gloucester's plight on a Saturday which emphasised the successes and failures of the club. On a day when the South West divisional side was playing, only one Gloucester player could find a place in that team. But 3.000 supporters turned up for a club fixture against Leicester, which Gloucester won 36-13.

Ford concedes there is much unhappiness in the city at events at Kingsholm. Twelve players left last summer, including the England



Teague: left club

international, Mike Teague, to Moseley, an exodus few clubs could endure without effect. It rankles with Gloucester supporters that most of them continue to live and work within a mile or two of Kingsholm and still regard the club as their natural home.

But offers from elsewhere were too good to refuse. It is this aspect of the modern game that is at the heart of Gloucester's plight. "As long as I am chairman, this club will never reward a player materially for representing Gloucester," Ford said. "But there is a section of the dub which wants to join these people. And there is no doubt we are paying the price because we will not enter the world of

inducements. "We have had a lot of letters from members and people in Gloucester expressing disappointment at our performances. All this builds up and if we did go down I suspect there would be a change in the management structure here. In other words another rebellion like the one at Northampton. I would not stay and

With only two wins from five league matches. Gloucester, who were eliminated from the cup last Saturday, are vulnerable. with four clubs to be relegated. But Ford will not be compromised on his principles. "While the rules are as they are I will follow them. Rugby should be open and honest. The trouble is the RFU has lost control and is afraid of really tackling it for that would open a can of

Surrey6 By Barry Trowbridge HAMPSHIRE'S marginally greater resolve took them to no more than a narrow victory at the United Services ground, Portsmouth, on Saturday, leaving Surrey facing an up-hill struggle to retain their commentating".

division (south) of the ADT county championship.

Beaten semi-finalists last season with eight Havant men in their line-up. Hampshire played the last 50 minutes against Surrey with ten, and it was the subsequent understanding that finally saw off a XV which far too often looked what it was - a side from varying standards of the

freshly-won status in the first

When Bob Hiller, the England captain at the time, pulled together a cosmopoli-tan Surrey XV for the county's only outright championship, in 1971, he was working with

ADT divisional championship

LONDON 25 MIDLANDS 16 London: Tries: Andrew, Ryan, O'Leary. Con: Andrew Pens: Andrew (3). Midlands: Try: Johnson Con: Liley. Pens: Liley (3).

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CIMERIA 5 YORKSHIRE 31 Cumbrie: Try: Cuseck Yorkshire: Tries: Eagle (2), Thompson, Sleightholme, Buckton Cons: Liley (3).

LANCASHIRE 29 NORTHMBRUND 11

Lancashire: Tries: Saverimutto (2), Manley, Harner. Cons: Aitchison (3) Pen: Aitchison Nonthumberland: Try: Carr. Pens: Old (2)

Northuragements ray bent raise out of a SECOND DIVISION: North Midlands 3, Durham 10: Warwidshife 13, Lecester-shire 11 (abandoned). Third division: Cheshire 60, East Midlands 3, Notts, Lincs and Darby 11, Staffordshire 8

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Hampshire: Tries: Short, Torpay, Con:
Livesey, Pens: Livesey (2) Surrey: Pens:
Mailafieu (2),

ADT county championship

First division north

First division south

the likes of John Taylor, Mervyn Davies, Alistair McHarg and Ken Kennedy. Including Hiller's, that alone amounted to more than 150 international appearances; not bad for starters. They could even afford to carry a scrum half called Starmer-Smith, though at the time Hiller claimed, as only he could, it was "only to stop him

Times have changed: Richard Moon is no Starmer-. Smith — he, too, wore the red rose - yet as the game wore on he looked increasingly Sur-rey's only means of salvation. Virtually without fail. Davidson provided Surrey possession from lineouts, but there was no imagination as the ball was moved laboriously wide. To their credit, the Hampshire centres, Boydell, Cameron Short and, latterly, Wilson, never missed a tackle. Against the run of play. Hampshire

led by two penalty goals to one at the break, but as the ground

grew heavier their pack's un-

derstanding proved decisive.

SECOND DIVISION: Devon 19, Gloucestershire 21 Third division: Dorset and Witshire 23, Buckinghamehire 8; Sussex 38: Berkshire 5. Fourth division: Oxfordshire 24, Eastern Countes 21. Yesterday: Second division: Herdordshir

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Cardiff: Try: Ford. Pen: Devies. Swansee: Pena: Witams (2).

Llanelli: Tries: Proctor (2), Davies. Cons: Slephens (2), Williams. Pent: Stephens. Neath: Tries: Jones Con: Thorburn. Pens: Thorburn (3)

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South Wales Police: Try: Parfit. Con: Marchell Pens: Marshell (3) Pontypool: Pens: Jones (3).

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support, and when he was held up with the line beckoning. Ben Short took over for the try. From wide on the right, Livesey landed a superb conversion, but he could find only the upright with the last kick of the match after a blindside break, with Lillington again evident, freed Torpey for a score in the left-hand in the other southern match, at Redruth, Cornwall,

With 15 minutes to play,

Baldwin punched a hole in a

rare Surrey lapse at the

lineout. Lillington was first to

last season's runners-up, had to thank Darren Chapman, their stand-off, for a 15-14 victory over Middlesex. The distant travellers led 6-3 and 14-6, through the game's only try, by Paul Challinor, but Chapman was in fine form with the boot and landed five penalty goals to tip the

At Fylde, Lancashire, the champions, surged away from Northumberland in a second half highlighted by two tries

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POSTPONED: Penanth v Abertillery.

McEwan's Scottish

Inter-district championship

HEINÉXEN WELSH LEAGUE: Third division: Abercynon 3, Blackwood 12; Borlyman 22, Aberavon Cuins 3; Pontypool United 18, Mountein Ash 13. Fourth division: Bullth Wells 8, Yatradgynlas 5, Colwyn Bay 12, Gamditalth 10; Tondu 27, Carmarthan Quins 13.

Waterioo scrum half, and eased home 29-1 I, while Yorkshire traversed the Pennines to Kendal and proved too strong behind the scrum for Cumbria, prevailing 31-5. The second division (north) match at Rugby was held up for 20 minutes when Trevor Revan, the Warwickshire

from Chris Saverimutto, the

prop, was taken to hospital with a serious neck injury. Revan was later discharged after X-rays revealed nothing broken. Warwickshire beat Leicestershire 16-12.

Leicestershire 10-12.

SCORERS: Hampshire: Tries: B Short, Torpey. Conversion: Livesey. Pensity goals: Livesey [2]. Surmy: Plunsky goals: Livesey [2]. Surmy: Plunsky goals: Livesey [2]. Short [-]. Distriction: [3]. Million [-]. Photosomer [-]. Lillington [Basingstole]. D Robosomer [London test]. M Shatton, G Curtis, M Baldwin, N Roach, W Knight (all Hawari) SURREY: D Cowhile (London test). Biddowin, N Rosch, W Knight (all Hawarii SURREY: D Cowinig (London Irish), J Lanning (Guiddord and Godaiming), M Thomas (Rossip Park), K Cook (Old Blues), M Midlyneux (Parisquira); M Mattelleu (Cambertier), R Moon (Rossiyn Park); J Cibbon, P Simmonds, A Challe (all Hartegura), W Murphy (Warlingham), R Castaton (Sancars), W Davidson (Rossiyn Park), P Brady (Harteguira), C Boths (Rossiyn Park).

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES

UNDER-21 DISTRICT CHAMP-IONSHIP: Glasgow 15, North and Mediands 13, Under-18: South 16, North and Midlands 12; Glasgow 8, Edinburgh 10.

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POSTPONED: Curne v Ayr, Kilmernock v Heriot's FP; Stewarts Mel FP v Ballymena; Dundee HSFP v Wig-townshire

PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Fourth round: London and South East: Hellingly 11, Seaford 18 Mildlands: Malvern 13, Marfeet Bosworth 5, North: Phoenby Park 6, British Steel 10, South and South West: Utilemore 10, North: Petherson 0, Fourth-round matches to play: London and South East region (December 12). Barnet v Old Ashmotlans, Crowborough v Andover: London Cornish v Old Cooperians

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Seven Counties Merit Table: Sutton and Epsorn 23, Thurrock 22 Fullers Brewery Hertfordshire Merit Table: Old Merchant Taylors' 18, Old Ourstonsins 8: Old Verulantens 27, Harnel Herripslead 7: Taberd 13, Letchworth 10. Fullers Brewery Middlesex Merit Table: Certaurs 0, Stames 19; Civil Service 3. Old Meedonlans 18.

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cautious approach themselves as the driving force of Welsh dub rugby. "Steady as she goes," they seemed to say, instead of, "let's go for it".
It is a critical distinction. At any rate, the scrum went down. This time, the Cardiff back row elected not to hang

on to the ball, as it had tried and failed to do earlier at an even more promising position in its attempt to overcome a superior trio. Davies's long pass went to Hall, who broke the defence. His pass went astray, but Davies had looped outside him and hacked on to the line. While others jostled. Ford swept in under their noses. The try added to Davies's first-half penalty. Williams's two penalties having

Both teams laboured in difficult conditions caused by the week's rain. Gibbs made a break in the middle, as did Hall. Walker had the briefest of flings on the wings. These Neither side had control

but while Swansea's few drives were more insistent, they were also resistible. Cardiff had hardly looked like winners. but they would have been overcoming Swansea at their most vulnerable. Others were relieved for other reasons: the first division remains an open contest. Had Cardiff succumbed at home in the way Lianelli had done. Swansea. with these nearest rivals to be played at home, would have looked secure. In the meantime, it is good to see Cardiff shouting from the rooftops

to swarm over the pitch,

stifling the opposition and

trampling over the try-line. But with the wind at their

alty goals and then converted

a try presented to Jones by a static defence. It gave Neath a comfortable 16-3 lead and,

with Thorburn driving them

forward with huge kicks, they

The turning-point came

bullocking run to the posts to

shortly before half-time when Phil Davies producing a

give Stephens an easy

wind-assisted tactical kicking

kept Neath pinned to their

line and opened the way for

Proctor to speed into the

Corner.
Stephens converted to give

Llanelli a one-point lead, then

handed the conversion duty to

Huw Williams for Proctor's

SCORERS: Llanell's Trine: P Davies, Proctor (2) Conversions: Stephens (2). Wisiams. Pensity goal: Stephens. Neath: Try: Jones Conversion: Thorburn, Pensity goals: Thorburn (3)

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P Davies
NEATH: P Thorburn, J Reynolds, A
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M McCarlney, H Jones, B Williams, A
Thornes, J Devise, M Morris, Glyn Lewellyn,
Gareth Llewellyn, W Williams, A Kambury

second, clinching try.

Early in the second half.

looked secure.

conversion.

Proctor strikes late to rally Llanelli

By BRYAN STILES

IF LLANELLI possess the material of which champions are made, they kept it well on Saturday. Only in the last quarter, against nervy opponents with limited vision, did they show they are capable of dealing with the doglight at the top of the Heineken

In at atmosphere curiously lacking in passion until that final burst, Llanelli claimed a victory which sent them leapfrogging over Neath into third

place in the table. They are three points adrift of the leaders. Swansea and Cardiff, but have a match in hand — the one that brought them a glorious win over the

Australians. Perhaps the heady wine of that triumph has left a hangover that is taking a while to clear on a diet of lager. In an error-ridden encounter strewn with penalties,

Neath held them until near the end when Proctor, the new Wales flying wing, sped over for the second of his tries. Neath would probably have wilted earlier if Stephens, the

Lianelli stand-off half, had remembered to bring his kicking boots. He missed with five penalty attempts and one dropped kick — a bagful of points that must have looked tempting to Thorburn, the Neath full back. He was successful with four out of five kicks but, unfortunately for him, Llanelli's pack committed only about one third the penalty offences amassed by

His pack is not the allconsuming force it was in the

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Cheltenham draws wealth of talent for Bula Hurdle

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

set to meet again in the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham on

To add spice. Oh So Risky, the 1991 Triumph Hurdle winner, will be declared by David Elsworth, who has been outspoken in his belief that Granville Again is not Champion Hurdle material.

Michael Stoute also confirmed that Kribensis the 1990 winner of the hurdling crown, will make his seasonal debut in the race, making it the best contest for two-mile hurdlers this season.

Pipe had originally selected the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton as Granville Again's next target but yesterday he disclosed the Bula plan. "He's been entered. I've got to speak to the owner, Eric Scarth, but he's a probable runner."

At Cheltenham's Sunday meeting three weeks ago, Morley Street gave his younger brother 61b in the Coral-Elite Hurdle and, in a sprint finish, prevailed by a length two lengths third.

The four-horse field went no pace for much of the race so the form may be unreliable. and Morley Street has since blotted his copybook by downing tools after the last at Ascot.

After a slow start to the campaign by its usual stan-dards, the Pipe yard is now in full swing, and the victories of Valfinet in the William Hill Hurdle at Sandown and Run For Free in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow enabled the champion trainer to oust David Nicholson from first

place in the current table. Run For Free's all-the-way victory in Chepstow's feature race was something of a sur-prise as Minnehoma had been the Pipe banker of the day, having beaten his stablemate ten and a half lengths in the Sun Alliance Chase in

March. "The form has been turned. round with Run For Free but that came at the end of the season. Miinnehoma ran and jumped well but it was his first

McCreery finds gold

Peter McCreery recorded his Options won the Ir£20,000 Durkan Brothers Punchestown Chase yesterday (Our

Irish Correspondent writes). Five of the nine runners, Garamycim, General Idea, Blitzkreig, Gold Options and Cahervillahow, the 5-2 favourite, were in a line across the track jumping the second last after Cahervillahow had set a

Mark Dwyer sent Gold Op-

(£3,202 2m 4f 110yd) (13 runners)

Long handlage Goeks Saver 9-12. Kitchi Koo 9-12. Big Country 9-3. Belgand 8-4.

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tions into the lead and then ran on as General Idea finished well to be beaten a head. Cahervillahow was fourth.

Dwyer completed a double when landing a gamble on Thawney Flame in the Longtown Handicap Hurdle. At Fairyhouse on Saturday, Tiananmen Square was a five-length winner on his first attempt over hurdles. He will be aimed for the Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham.

GRANVILLE Again and his with Oh So Risky a promising outing. There is more improvement in him.

"Run For Free had had a run, which had to be in his favour. Miinnehoma is always a bit rusty to begin with." Having beaten the subsequent Hennessy runner-up, Jodami, at Haydock, Run For Free's form is there for all to see and he is now 7-2 favourite with the sponsors for the Coral Welsh National.

Celtic Chief, twice placed in the Champion Hurdle, returns at Market Rasen tomorrow. Formerly with Mercy Rimell and John McConn-ochie, the nine-year-old has been sidelined with leg problems and has raced only twice

in the past three seasons.

The Celtic Cone gelding is with Pipe. "He has schooled very well but he will probably be a bit rusty," the trainer said. Nicholson knows his chan-

ces of winning the trainers' title rest largely on how Pipe fares this season, given the numerical strength of the champion trainer.

However, the impressive

victories of Wonder Man and Waterloo Boy at Sandown on Saturday served only to confirm Pipe will not be able to relax for a moment if he is to win his fifth successive title.

"Wonder Man is one of the most intelligent horses I have ever trained," Nicholson said after victory in the Henry VIII Novices' Chase. "I am looking forward to the Arkle."

Waterloo Boy, placed in-three runnings of the Queen Mother Champion Chase, proved once more he is one of the bravest chasers in training, carrying 12 stone to a battling victory against Uncle Ernie and Deep Sensation.



Victory run: Run For Free on his way to winning the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow

Hopes rise for progress on VAT

A VITAL breakthrough in racing's battle with the government over the sport's finances seemed likely yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

Treasury and Customs and Excise sources confirmed vesterday that ministers are now adopting a "much more sym-pathetic attitude" to pleas that raceborse owners should be allowed to register for VAT. This would offset the huge disadvantage of tax rates here compared to those in Ireland

and France. The change in mood within Whitehall follows two crucial meetings last week,

John Major met three Conservative MPs representing important, Norman Lamont. Chancellor of the Exchequer, also had a private discussion with backbenchers over the crisis facing the racing and bloodstock industries.

The message racing has been trying to get through to Westminster for several months appears to have struck home and the results could be seen in the Budget.

Although eight out of 12 EC countries allow racehorse owners to register for VAT, Britain has resisted, arguing

that owners are indulging in a hobby rather than a business. and Excise, which until now has been vehemently opposed to a more liberal interpretation of VAT rules, said yesterday a more sympathetic attitude now prevailed.
"We would like to stress,

however, that we are waiting for proposals from the Horseracing Advisory Council. The ball is in their court."

Racing's plight has promp-ted speculation that another cut in betting duty, leading to increased levy payments, may come in the Budget.

Thomson Jones can engineer fresh royal win

NORMAN Conqueror can become the Queen Mother's 390th winner under National Hunt rules, since Monaveen started the ball rolling in 1949, by capturing the Stoneleigh Handicap Chase at Warwick today in the care of Steve Smith Eccles.

Last season Norman Conqueror carried the colours of the late Jim Joel, for whom he was successful at Wolverhampton, Kempton, Newbury and Chepstow. In his will Joel left the Queen Mother the horse of her choice.

She picked Keep Talking, the winner of the National Hunt Chase at Chehenham last March. Later she acquired from his executors Norman Conqueror, his stable com-panion in Tim Thomson Jones's Upper Lambourn

yard. He made an inauspicious start in the royal colours when his rider took the wrong course at Uttoxeter, but his second run, at Ascot, more productive.

Carrying top weight. Norman Conqueror ran on strongly to win the Punch Bowl Handicap Chase over three miles, giving the Cheltenham winner Captain Frisk 10lb and a length and a half

beating.
As three of his victories last season were over two and a half miles, the return to today's shorter trip should not inconvenience Norman Conqueror. More significantly, the stamina he showed at Ascot will stand him in good stead as this trip is sure to prove demanding on the prevailing

soft ground. With Martin Pipe's stable on a crest, Catch The Cross will be a threat, even under top weight and first time out. Last season he too won four times, and was also a good second to Bradbury Star at Cheitenham. None in the 16-strong field

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

for the Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares National Hunt Novices' Hurdle (Qualifier) has better credentials than Anna Valley, who is overdue a win having been placed in all her

four races this season. Last time out she was runner-up to Now Your Talkin at Aintree and today's opposition

is not nearly so strong.

While Cool And Easy should go well in the Bud-brooke Novices' Chase following that victory at Taunton 10 days ago, I doubt whether even he will manage to give 8lb to the promising Dalyns Boy, from Nigel Twiston-Davies's in-form yard.

Dibloom can win the Temple Grafton Novices' Handicap Hurdle on the strength of beating Jokester by half a length over today's course and distance nine days ago. Jokester has since won by 15 lengths at Nottingham.

Those who like to follow horses who have made long journeys will latch on to the presence at Edinburgh of Ryton Guard (1.15) and Ronans Birthday (2.15). Ryton Guard, who has trav-

elled from Simon Christian's yard at Kinnersley in Worcestershire, is napped to win the Last Wade Maiden Chase in the hands of Graham McCourt.

He showed plenty of promise first time out in the Warwick race dominated by Winnie The Witch and Rocco. who are both above-average performers.

Ronans Birthday, who has made an even longer journey. from Philip Hobbs's base near Minehead, in Somerset, can win the Wee Jimmy Mitchell

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MANDARIN THUNDERES 12.30 Reel Of Tulloch. 12.30 Reel Of Tulloch. 1.00 Only A Rose. 1.00 Elite Reg. 1.30 NORMAN CONQUEROR (nap). 2.00 Mandika 2.00 Super Ritohart. 2.30 Anna Valley. 2.30 Anna Valley. 3.00 Dakyns Boy. 3.00 Musthaves 3.30 Smiles Ahead. HURDLE (Qualifler: £2,431: 2m 4t 110yd) (17 runners) RICHARD EVANS: 1,30 Norman Conqueror, 3,00 Tipo Mariner. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 ONLY A ROSE. GOING: SOFT 12.30 YOUNGSTERS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS MOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,302: 2m) (9 runners) ### BLUES BALDAR 365F (AI Hewhatt) & Thomas 4-11-3. D Bridgestar — 644 BOYS ROCKS 28 (G Johnson) J Edwards 4-11-3. T Thomason (6) — 90-400 ST JORRYS HILL 28 (P Arm) R Hodges 4-11-3. T Thomason (6) — 90-533 OTTER BUSH 5 (V) (D Poole) & Blum 3-10-5. P Smith Excise (7) — 00 DUALITAR HERMARY 28F (Nix 7 Sociall) J Abstras 3-10-5. J MicCartly (3) — 83 REB. OF TULLOCH 6 (8) (D Doub) P Hoston 3-10-5. D Bentley 84 900 ARASONA 11 (P Contell) P Contell 3-10-0. W Microsco 9-7 P DAYES LASS 11 (P) Strickard R Price 3-10-0. L Signire (5) — 4002 ELEGANT TOUCH 11 (8) (P) Pod House Richny M Pips 3-10-0. M Footbr 93 4004 AL Rock (C L Matter 2) Elegant Touch 8-2 (Bits Ruin 1) Briefs and 8-1 (Bree Briefs 1) Dentité Memore. FORM FOCUS BETTING: 7-4 Roet Ot Tustoch, 3-1 Begans Touch, 9-2 Other Bush, 8-1 Boya Rocks, 10-1 Dumilich Man UNIT MEETING AMARICANED - FREET FORM FOCUS BOYS ROCK 13-1 4in of 13 to Hand in Store in a conditional lockeys' novice claiming herdle at Welvernampton (2m 110yd, good to solo). OTTEN BUSH 31 3rd of 7 to Lady Ghistaine in a conditional potacy's Leiling hundle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, 2007). REEL OF TULLOCK 201 3rd of 8 to Palacagain Selections. REEL OF TULLOCK 201 3rd of 8 to Palacagain. FORM FOCUS FORM FOCUS ELITE REG beat John Shee 71 in an 11-numer called hurder it Anthree (2m 110)d, pood to soft). Previously, beat Netherpity in a 6-numer nevior hundre alterioral pood to soft). ALL HANDED GENTRY beat Antaquian Flyer 71 in a 5-name novice hundre alterioral [2m, heavy]. TEX-names novice hundre alterioral [2m, beat fine out (2m, soft), FRANGUS 149 Shi of 10 to Andean in a novice hundle at Haydock last three out (2m, soft). FRANGUS 149 Shi of 10 to Andean in a novice hundre at Haydock last three out (2m, soft). inface nonce hurdle at Haydock last time out (2m. Addesn in a nonce burdle at Her. to soll) ONLY ROSE 31 2nd of 9 to Riveton Tycoon in a 3.30 TEMPLE GRAFTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1.710: 2m) (15 runners) 1.30 STONELEIGH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,533: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 numers) 12 /DODP-3 GREEDIR RB (D Craticol) C Jackson 8-19-0 30 (300-P4 WITHADORY RB (1 Hickard) C Jackson 8-19-0 4 PA-PEP SONS TORBARAR 35 (A Tombo) M Scalemine 7-10-0 15 PREP-EP ELFE'S SON 14 (Mas K George) Mas K George 8-10-0 Long handrap. Nameo Style 9-10. Bromo 9-8. Another Troup 9-7. BETTANG 11-4 Nameo Concustor, 7-2 Northern Johns, 5-1 Catch The Cross, Plantic Spaceage, 8-1 Nameo Style, 10-1 Dumpers First 14-1 Bromo, 16-1 others. Loog hundicap: Gaelgoir 9-12, Wintentry 9-10. Sons Toximum 9-7, Filin's Son 9-2. FORM FOCUS CATCH THE CROSS beat Yorkshireman 14.1 in a 9suring dovice chase at Market Resen (3m. good). NORMAN CONCULEROR beat Capture frish 154 in 3.5-immer and to soft) 1.0xx1, count to soft FORM FOCUS 2.00 ETTINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE







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Jackpot: £1,453.00. Placepot: £85.00.

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Forest's rejuvenation deepens Wilkinson's despair



Nottingham Forest4

By DAVID MILLER

IT WAS almost too bad to be true. For Howard Wilkinson, there is no hiding from the evidence. Whether Leeds United's harrowing defeat by elegation-threatened Nottingham Forest tells us more about the defeated than the victors, only the coming winter months will reveal.

There was even cause for thinking the immediate future may be more comfortable for Brian Clough assuming, that is, he still

team that might yet have a future. Leeds like a team that

Eliminated from two cup competitions and now fifteenth in the league, only seven points separate the est at the foot of the table. Leeds have lost seven of their past ten matches. Wilkinson, a dour, realistic man, offered no visible source of encouragement. "A most disturbing performance," he said. "To-day is as far from what we have been doing as I can poor, it's hard to find any

rectuse — than for Wilkinson. hand in hand on the football the buzzing but mostly irrele-forest looked like a young field so often. For Neil Webb, vant Rod Wallace. returning to Forest after injury, a ruined international

career and permanent frustration at Old Trafford, there was the elation of creating three of the goals and prompting what could be the turning point of the season. Por Wilkinson, there was the nagging spectre of possibly having sold the wrong man. That is not meant to be

hurtful. The charm of the game, even with the dismay of managers, is that public and press have their opinions. Watching Leeds crumble, it was impossible not to wonder done more for the team than

explained Cantona's departure in the programme notes: wanted to go, faxed a transfer request, couldn't accept (selection) rules of the club, unstable, etc. The self-justifying view was amplified in a prematch public-address announcement to a storily silent Yorkshire crowd: "In four years two months ... I think I've done reasonably well" polite applause - but despite what many experts are saymg, today is no formality.

No manager, frankly, would put his shirt on the volatile. unpredictable

How hornbly correct.

doubt Wilkinson was right.
"Let him go, maybe," said my casual lunchime companion, a fanatical Leeds supporter from Middlesbrough, "but it's going to Manchester United that hurts."

Where now does Wilkinson turn? Serious reservations about Leeds were surfacing. long before half-time, never victory over troubled Arsenal and that Nigel Clough's opening goal on the half-hour, set up by Webb and Pearce, seemed clearly a yard

There is still no replace-ment at right back for Sterland, the central defence is dodgy, not to mention the menace has waned. Speed is overrated. There is no cohesive line to relate to the skills of Dorigo and McAllister and, occasionally, Rocastle. A largely unchanged pattern over the season in ten posit-

ions suggests stability and consistency, but now these qualities were absent. Suddenly, Forest were finding the conclusive finishing touch to the coherent football

they have vainly played all season, the reward for faith in style by a lightweight side. The running off the ball from midfield by Keane and Gemmill progressively ripped Leeds apart - in the absence of Batty - and the accuracy of Webb exploited the opportuThe result was sealed in the

first ten minutes of the second half. Keane squandered the first chance, from 16 yards, set up by Webb but swept home the second a few minutes later. Within 60 seconds, Gemmill had opened the way for Black to blast a third. When Webb made the fourth for Keane, you wondered how long the crowd's loyalty to the manager will last.

ILIZAHARICA WILL REST.
LEEDS UNITED: J Luide, J Newsome,
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Black).

Norwich steal clear with fortitude to match their fortune

Wimbledon .

By Kerth Pike

THEY are eight points clear of the field, after a gritty, but fortunate, victory at Carrow Road on Saturday, yet still there are those who refuse to take Norwich seriously. "The bubble will burst ... their squad isn't deep enough ... quality will tell in the end," are just some of the comments

continuing to be heard. They will probably be still saying it when Norwich make mathematically certain of the championship - around mid-

February at the present rate.
Norwich are making a habit
of defying logic, and even
Mike Walker, their modest manager, is beginning to relish the prospect of delivering a few generous portions of humble pie to the offices of his opposite numbers in the Premier League and the majority

Sheffield Wednesday 1

By IAN Ross

EVIDENCE to support a

recent assertion by Trevor

Francis, that Aston Villa

would eventually exploit the

inconsistency of their nearest

rivals to become the first

champions of the Premier

League, was available in plen-

Saturday.

If local legend is to be

believed. Ron Atkinson's final

message to the Wednesday

directors after his resignation

in controversial circumstances

to move to Villa Park 17

months ago, was a recommen-

dation that Francis should be

If so, it was shrewd advice.

Francis, by pursuing a policy

of continuity and by refusing to sanction the sale of his

better players, has built a fine

side, one which is capable of

providing moments of genu-

Atkinson, however, would

appear to have constructed an

even more impressive unit, for

Aston Villa have an extra dimension to their game.

Their desire to entertain never

appears to detract from the

main objective - of winning. While Villa's success was ultimately well merited, anything other than a home victory seemed most improbable during the early ex-

ine enterprise.

promoted to fill the vacancy.

at Hillsborough on

against Wimbledon as Norwich's biggest challenge to date, more so even than seven days earlier, when they had won 3-2 away to end Aston Villa's 13-match unbeaten run. Villa, after all, let you play, and even the doubters recognise Norwich can do that

Wimbledon, the renowned party-poopers, who can suffocate the life out of a team with flair, would present a bigger test of championship bottle.

Norwich passed: fortunately maybe, controversially certainly, but that is hardly the point. Two goals in the last 12 minutes, the first courtesy of a lucky ricochet, the second thanks to a culpable linesman, earned a victory which seemed beyond them and which, frankly, they did not deserve.

Eventually even Walker had to admit that it took some believing. "Eight points clear pinch to assure himself he was

attacks. This season, the York-

But few of these can have

prompted such a dramatic

change in a game's balance of

power as did the one scored

after 20 minutes by Delian

Atkinson, whose thunderous,

rising drive from 18 yards was

delivered with an enviable

Wednesday applied them-selves diligently to the task of

snatching a hold on a game

which was unexpectedly

threatening to slip away and

equalised six minutes later,

when Bright swept home

However, even without

three of their leading players.

Villa began to look increasing-

ly dangerous and Atkinson

decided the issue when, with a

little over 20 minutes remain-

ing, he drove the ball into the

roof of the net with immense

power after lulling Anderson.

the Wednesday centre back,

Birmingham club awoke yes-

terday to discover that their

team had been installed as the new favourites to win English

football's most coveted prize.

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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods: R
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J Sheridan (sub: G Watson)
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D Yorke (sub: C Riggis), G Parker, D
Saunders, D Atkinson, B Small.
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too surprised at that.

Francis, for one, will not be

into a false sense of security.

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sinking in." But he had al-ready eloquently assessed Nor-wich's admirable qualities.

"For my money that was as good a win as at Villa," Walker said. "That was an excellent performance, but this was excellent in a different way. We can't be expected to go out and play brilliantly every week. Sometimes you just have to stick at it, and Norwich position. We have been consistent, we are playing well enough, and when we haven't played well — or been allowed to play well - we have still got

Give Wimbledon credit, they made it difficult for us, but while they have won at Old Trafford and Anfield, they have not won here. It shows how far we have come."

Norwich, as insipid on Saturday as they had been in-spired against Villa, might have taken a fifth-minute lead had Fox not shot wastefully into the side netting instead of passing to the unmarked Rob-ins. They hardly got another look in before Sanchez put Wimbledon ahead eight minutes after half-time, glancing home McAllister's corner with Gunn in no man's land.

Earle and Talboys wasted obvious chances to put the game out of reach, and although Beckford hit the crosskick, Norwich, who had beaten Wimbledon only twice in 14 previous meetings, looked unlikely to improve that record.

Then, suddenly, it was 1-1 as Crook, Fox and Cuiverhouse combined for Robins. largely anonymous until now, to poach his eleventh league goal of the season after his initial header had rebounded

season avoided. Norwich then break that makes champions. NORWICH: B Gurn, J Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Butlerworth, J Polston, D Sutch (sub: G Megach), I Crook, D Backford (sub: C Subtrol, M Robins, R Fox, D Prillips; WMMBLEDON: H Segens: S Tabboys, R Joseph, V Jones (sub: J Fastbern), P Society, B McMiller, D Backbert, R Ents, D Holdsworth (sub: T Gibson), L Senchez, P Miller.



Newton's force propels Chelsea

Tottenham Hotspur 1

CHELSEA are coming of age. A young team thrown together in the aftermath of an earlyseason pile-up of injuries is maturing into a unit that just back to him off Earle. might mount a challenge for A first home defeat of the the title This win was their fifth in

got a last-minute winner. Fox, perhaps three yards offside, was allowed to race on to Culverhouse's pass and Phil-lips converted his low cross at the far post. It was the sort of

top of the table. It was suitably impressive. in the maeistrom of an over-charged, over-eager derby, Chelsea showed enough moments of quality - and there were not many - to, in

succession at White Hart

Lane in a sequence stretching back to 1987, their eighth in

their past ten outings and it lifted them towards the head

of the pack chasing the pace-

setters, Norwich City at the

the end, comfortably wrap up another three points. Tottenham, emberant if a little short cartier. of ideas and first-team regulars, were a distant second

pended Mick Harford, the match-winner's mantle was picked up by the unlikely figure of Eddie Newton, a 20year-old youth-team product whose main claim to fame is that he can play almost anywhere as well as his preferred midfield role. For an hour, he was fairly anonymous in a

turbulent contest that was too physical for his slight frame. Then, when Fleck limped off injured, he was pressed into action as a makeshift centre forward, and blossomed in the task. Reveiling in the space be found in front of an unsuspecting back four, he coolly took both Chelsea's disguised much of the lesser fare that had been served up

While Newton was accorded the plaudits and the carpark press conference afterwards, the figure who had played at least an equal part in the victory strode past almost anonymously. David Lee was a tower of strength for Chelsen throughout, a massive, shadowing presence in defence who, despite his 6ft 4in frame, displayed a refreshing willingness to create as well as simply block. A first half of unrelenting energy and absent thought belonged to

After the break, Chelsea took control as the headless chickens ran out of puff. The loss of Fleck was all but ignored and, after a double substitution from Tottenham had awoken a dozing crowd, Newton struck. Strart fed Wise on the right and he in turn fired a low cross that Newton turned in at the far post. With five minutes left, Wise and Stuart swapped roles and Newton, this time from the edge of the area, made it two. Campbell's reply, on his debut, was too little too

Tottenham, sensibly, took defeat in their stride, knowing that their time will come. eventually. As their assistant coach, Ray Clemence, pointed out wryty later: "Chelsea's younger players are older ours are 18. It makes all the difference." It did on Saturday.

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Hendrie spoils Blackburn record

BY PETER BALL

DOES anybody apart from Norwich want to become the first champions of the Premier League? While the East Anglian side continues to set a hot pace, its main challengers keep on stumbling, Blackburn and Arsenal both losing

As Blackburn's compan ions in the second division last season, Middlesbrough were unimpressed by the preten-sions of Kenny Dalglish's high-flying team. Although Blackburn had their moments, and led through a goal from the promising Jason Wilcox, three goals from John Hendrie in 14 minutes early in the second half condemned them to their first away defeat of the season. Blackburn had conceded only five goals in eight previous away games.

The championship favourites, Arsenal, meanwhile, are rapidly losing their credibility. They went down 2-0 to a resurgent Southampton on Sanurday at The Dell, where Matthew Le Tissier played the leading role in their third successive league defeat.

Arsenal even missed a penalty as Ian Wright's temperamental shortcomings again stood in the way of his skill,and he was lucky to avoid a red card. The club's disciplinary record is rapidly becoming

a disgrace.

Queens Park Rangers at least ended their poor run. With 30 goals against them. Oldham were welcome visitors, and QPR took advantage to sneak home by the odd goal in five. There was no blame for Paul Gerrard on his debut as Oldham's goalkeeper, and Oldham perhaps deserved better after coming back to equalise from two down before their defence creaked again to let Ferdinand claim the winner with his second goal of the game.

Crystal Palace also ended the week on a high note by beating Sheffield United 2-0, although even their fans admitted they were lucky. Whisper it quietly, but Dave Bassetr's side played most of the football on offer, and appeared to have taken an early lead when Deane's header looked to have crossed the line when it came down off the bar before being cleared. "Lucky we didn't have a Russian linesman," Steve Coppell said drily.

Liverpool could worsen Everton's predicament

ing even more pressure on them, Everton approach tonight's Merseyside derby game at Goodison Park knowing defeat would give them another hely push on the road towards relegation (Ian Ross writes).

Howard Kendall insists that his squad is potentially as good as the one that he led to two Football League championships. But with attendances falling, debts amounting to £3 million and players showing an alarming lack of consisten-cy, Kendall knows he has a

fight on his hands. "I have quality within my squad and I am sure that we will come through in the end," he said. "I do not believe there to be too much difference between the top and the bottom of the Premier League the Italian league, yesterday.

WITH weekend results plac- at the moment." In an attempt to bring more physical pres-ence to a team that has won only twice at home this season, Kendall is likely to recall Rideout to the attack.

Wright is likely to return for the injured Burrows and Graeme Souness is hoping to name Barnes and Rush together in a starting line-up for the first time this season as Liverpool seek a fourth successive league win.

Souness yesterday denied Wright and Paul Stewart to Nottingham Forest in partexchange for Roy Keane, their midfield player.

☐ A fine solo goal by Paul Gascoigne, the England midfield player, set Lazio on the goals in a thrilling finish that

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* Statistics refer to Premier League metches only-

Wycombe show their league potential

Wycombe Wanderers.... 2 West Bromich Albion 2

By ANDREW LONGMORE

TWO goals in the last 20 minutes earned Wycombe anderers a place in the draw for the third round of the FA Cup and a few more pounds to invest in their presumed future in the Football League.

In the short term, they can contemplate a lucrative replay at The Hawthorns which, for long periods yesterday, looked well beyond their grasp. In the longer term, they can view the prospect of a home game against West Ham United in the third round and life in the third division with confidence, enhanced after their first real est of league opposition.

Wycombe will not meet many sides with the neat skills of West Bromich Albion where they are heading, and yet, despite being given a lesson in the art of teamwork and keeping possession, the Vauxhall Conference offered their own genue reminder of the nature of the FA Cup. Pride and passion can mean as much as prettiness.

With a defeat by Woking in the Cup all too close to memory. Albion cannot have viewed their visit to the high flyers of Adams Park with anything other than trepidation. Wycombe are deadly at home, having scored an average of three goals a game in each of their nine home

As early as the second minute. Scott turned Strodder on the left touchline, sped for the byline and pulled back a perfect cross which Casey headed wide. It should have been the dream start for the non-League side: instead, it proved to be a nightmare for Casey, who dislocated his

Naylor, the Albion goalkeeper. and had to go off for good.

If he expected any sympathy from his manager. Martin O'Neill, he should have known better. "If he hadn't had to go to hospital. I would have sent him there myself he should scored." O'Neill joked. Worse was to follow. Breaking out of defence for almost the first time. Albion went ahead. Bradley driving home a right-foot shot from 20 yards.

Albion settled into a comfortable short-passing pattern and, though Scott should have equalised. Wycombe were slowly reduced to the role of stooges. Taylor had a shot well saved by Hyde before putting Albion further ahead from another right-foot shot a few minutes before half-ume.

Nor did O'Neill's tactical switch, pushing Stapleton forward from left back into his more usual station in midfield. disturb the stitching in Albion's tapestry. Indeed, only a brilliant reflex save by Hyde from a Taylor header kept Wycombe in the game.

But. 30 minutes from the end, the patchwork began to be unravelled. Creaser heading firmly home to bring the tie belatedly to life.

As the rain lashed down and the spirit of the Cup was envoked. Wycombe stepped up the pace. Greene and Stapleton had chances before Thompson equalised with five minutes left a 25-yard shot bouncing awkwardly in front of Navior, who could only deflect the ball into the net. O'Neill completed a jig of delight and Wycombe can live for tomorrow.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS, P. Hyde, Cousins M. Crossien, S. Huddhiston G. Creaser S. Thompson D. Carroll, N. Case, sub-D. Greener, S. Sapleton, P. Scott, S. Guppy



Timely intervention: Scott's advance for Wycombe is thwarted by Strodder at Adams Park yesterday

Derby miss fistful but nevertheless have plenty in hand

Swindon Town. Derby County ...

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THEY may be mid-table, but if yesterday's display at the County Ground is anything to go by. Derby County are in a false position. This was their sixth successive away victory in the first division -- their problem is they have won only twice at home - and it could have been by ten goals.

That is partly a reflection on an exciting County attack, in which Marco Gabbiadini -the best player on the pitch -was a constant thorn in Swindon Town's side, doing everything but score, and partly on Swindon's shambolic sweeper

From the viewpoint of Glenn Hoddle, the home player/manager, the lesson was that the Swindon defence cannot cope with forwards who possess genuine pace, Derby's are among the most fleet-footed and used their speed to torment a Swindon rearguard in which only Kerslake has real acceleration.

To be fair, Hoddle has been without the impressive, but injured, MacLaren this season and lacks the funds to replace Cash, though, is not some-

thing in short supply at Derby and just over a tenth of their £10-million investment was spent on buying Johnson from

Notts County.

Johnson did not enjoy the best of starts yesterday, but that changed in the 28th minute. To cries of "what a waste of money", he took advantage of Kerslake's slip and good approach play from Kitson and Gabbiadini to

slide a low effort beyond Hammond. Johnson almost claimed a second after being set up by Kuhl and Gabbiadini, and the latter looked furious to miss a volley having been put through by

Williams.
Gabbiadini did. inevitably. have a hand in County's second, after 40 minutes. It came when Hoddle fouled the forward and, from the free kick. Pembridge curled the

ball round the wall. As dusk descended and the already muddy surface be-came ever more slithery. Swindon had still failed to conjure an obvious chance, although that omission was rectified when Sunon made a fine onehanded save from Hazard's chip in the 55th minute...

It proved a temporary remission. Two minutes later. Derby were three ahead after Kuhl made no mistake with a drive from 30 yards. By the time Hazard claimed a consolation goal, in the SSth minute, Swindon were sunk Even then. Derby answered back. McMinn scoring from Kitson's cross a minute later.

Swindon did. however, have the last word. Maskell registering his eighteenth goal of the season in the final minute. Seconds later, he nearly made it 19, but his penalty, awarded when Goulooze felled Horlock, was saved.

This deceptively close finale was missed by hundreds of Swindon supporters who had sloped off in disgust well before the final whistle. Defore the final Whistle.

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Randall revives Bath's dream

Northampton Town 2

BY ALAN LEE

THE incredients were perfect for the romantic result - the bettom team in the Football League playing away on a treacherous part-timers' pitch. it apuld and should have happened but Bath City, despite dominating the game y rerday, twice had to come from behind even to earn a so and-round replay tomor-

sorthampton looked swamped until a bizarre and dublous goal in the 47th minute, when a cross from Steve Brown was ruled to have crossed the line before or after the Bath goalkeeper. Dave Mogg, palmed it to the mud. "I think the linesman made a mistake," Mogg said, "No. I know he made a mistake."

After another goal each. nine minutes remained when gross injustice was avoided in

FA Cup

First round replay

on as a substitute only five minutes earlier, became the second player in the match to score with an intended cross. On a skating rink of a pitch. passed fit only an hour before kick-off, it was that sort of contest, often shapeless but never without the promise of the perverse which makes the

FA Cup so compulsive. For the majority of Bath's sponing public, cup dreams died a week ago when the rugby club met its Waterloo. The city mourned an indignin: the round-ball equivalent vesterday created only a ripple by comparison. True, the crowd of 3.626 was six times Bath's average gate, but still barely half the rugby club's regular attendance. Football is an afterthought here, and Twerton Park, divorced from the Georgian splendour at the Bristol end of town, smacks of

a sport treated with more indulgence than affection. This, however, was Bath's

Premier League

apt fashion. Randali, brought ten minutes they forced five corners. Repeatedly, they exposed Northampton's offside trap and in Smart, who hit a post after 11 minutes, they had the game's outstanding After the suspect silencer of

a Northampton goal, Smart responded, at first with a rash challenge which brought a yellow card, then a deserved equaliser after Withey had won the ball in the air. Phil Chard, the Northamp-

ton manager, decided to do the job himself and came on for the last half-hour. Ten minutes later, he swept in a enses from Bell. Bath sagged at the unfairness of it all but Randali ensured that those in this city not consumed by that other game will have something to comfort them a while longer.

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Barclave League

Wye revives Woking's hopes

ONCE acquired, a taste for FA Cup giantkilling is difficult 10 lose. Woking, breathtaking 4-2 winners at West Bromwich Albion two years ago. thrilled their huge following at Brighton on Saturday when Shane Wye drove in an equaliser in a 1-1 draw (Walter Gammie writes).

Life may be hard for Woking as they adapt to the GM Vauxhall Conference with a largely rebuilt side, but their manager. Geoff Chapple, must be delighted with an investment in one old hand. Wye had helped Wanganui win a place in the New Zealand national league during the summer and fancied a month trekking.

Geoff kept ringing to say he wanted me back for the FA Cup and I'm glad I listened to him." Wve said. Chapple paid the £1,000 to fly home Shane and his brother, Lloyd.

Last season. Woking were knocked out in a third-round replay at Edgar Street by Hereford United after being

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held to a home goalless draw. On Saturday, Hereford pulled off the first half of what may be a repeat when thwarting Yeavil Town's attempt to claim League victim No. 16 in front of a record crowd of 8,085 at Huish Park.

The Chellenham OW manager. Lindsay Parsons, felt his youngsters proved their worth at Whaddon Road with Christer Warren, 18, hitting his first senior goal to give the Beazer Homes League side a 1-1 draw against Bournemouth. Parsons was still fuming yesterday at the solemn claim an hour before kick-off by his friend and long-time colleague at Bristol Rovers. Tony Pulis, that Peter Shearer

would not be playing. The forward Cheltenham sold to Bournemouth three

years ago for £18,000 duly appeared and scored the sec-ond division side's first-half goal. Parsons may have the last laugh, however. A serious

knee injury ruined a projected \$500.000 move to Wimbledon, but now Shearer is lit again. Parsons says "he will be a Premier League player in a month. If that happens, Cheltenham will gain a third of any transfer fee. Marine, of the HFS Loans

League, made light work of nunning up a 3-0 lead on a heavy pitch against Stafford Rangers. Eddie Murray improved a week in which he had been made redundant by a local garage by driving in two of the goals. Gautrey got the other before goals by Berry (penalty) and Palgrave left Marine hanging on at 3-2. Southport, of the HFS

Loans League, held out for an hour at Hartlepool United yesterday, then Savile followed up a goal by Peverall with a hat-trick that brought Hartlepool a 4-0 win.

Walsh strike ensures a happy homecoming

EVERYONE agreed it was great to be going home but where, exactly, was The Valley (Louise Taylor writes)? The duster of teenage Chariton Athletic supporters congregated at London Bridge station on Saturday debated whether Charlton station was really the most convenient stop for the first division club, back at their home after seven years.

I hey had to wait only seven minutes for the goal that consigned Portsmouth to a 1-0 defeat. It was dispatched into the net by Colin Walsh at the end of a swift, well-worked move which had the Charlton players' old-fashioned, baggy shorts - worn specially for the occasion - billowing in the breeze as they swept forward. Walsh's fiftieth league goal

set the minds of everybody connected with Charlton at rest by providing the team with only their second win in 12 first division fixtures.

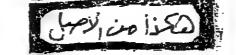
Gary Blissett, the Brentford striker, playing his first game since being cleared of a charge of grievous bodily harm against John Uzzell, of Torquay United, last week scored his seventeenth goal of the season as Brentford won 3-1 at Birmingham City. Malcolm Allison, the care-

taker manager of Bristol Rovers, celebrated a second successive victory. Kovers bea ing fellow strugglers. Laton Town, 2-0. Ian Atkins, in charge of Cambridge United for the first time, presided over a 1-1 home draw with Wolverhampton Wanderers. for whom Steve Bull was on

Newcastle United remain runaway leaders thanks to a 2-0 win at Notts County, who had Chris Short sent off. Neil Warnock, the County manager, is in a precarious position, his side having won only one of their past 14 games.

Weekend statistics

DALIAN ATKINSON made a significant move in catching Alan Shearer as the Premier League's top scorer with three goes in a week, putting him on 13. Last sesson's top markerian, John Aktridge, as hot on the trait of Guy Whittingham after Friday's hat-irtick, going to 17 for the season. Top attendance of the weekend was at the Manchester derby, just 35,408. 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St Helens pull clear in dominant second half

eatherstone Rovers..... 9

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ST HELENS yesterday confirmed the divide between the first and second divisions as a wide one. A wholly dominant conferred respectability on the scoreline and smoothed their passage into the Regal Trophy third round draw today. Having fought tooth and

claw to turn round only 9-8 in arrears, Featherstone Rovers could make no impression up the increasingly slippery slope as icy rain and sleet lashed the small ground at Post Office

Three tries, one by Lyon, the full back, who also landed three of his four goals in the teeth of the gale, ended Featherstone's tireless resistance after a supreme tackling effort had foiled the visitors for the best part of an hour.

They were systematically worn down in the end, having to cope with the unstinting drive of Ward and Joynt, highly impressive at loose forward, with Cooper, whose quick-fire distribution left Featherstone stretched and stranded in the closing min-

utes, switching to scrum half. For the second division leaders. Pearson, at stand-off half. enjoyed a fine kicking game. Only the outstretched arms of Connolly, on two occasions, prevented follow-up scores, al-though a try by Smales in the final minute of the first half was the product of some wonderfully punishing for-

en on a league visit last season St Helens were visibly relieved to open up some daylight after Sullivan and Mann had both lost the ball over the Featherstone line early on. McCracken surged through several tackles for a score in the 23rd minute from Cooper's quick scrum feed and Lyon's diagonal run to the left

After their one try and two goals by Pearson in the first quarter, Featherstone, and the admirable Tuuta, tackled themselves to a standstill. The score that broke their back was, nonetheless, a highly dubious one. Sullivan appeared to be a substantial way offside when he caught an attempted dropped goal by O'Donnell and flopped down

in the in-goal area. Featherstone could have no complaint with the two tries in the last ten minutes. Lyon found space on the right flank for a score and Joynt hacked richly deserved touchdown.

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS: C Boo; I Bus T Marsing (sat): M Wison), P Newtons, O Simpson; M Pearson, B Daunt, W Taeleta, R Gunn, G Pitce (sub; A Fisher; sub; C

Crusaders let down by poor handling

LEIGH dashed London Crusaders' hopes of another giantkilling effort by beating them 16-6 and securing a place in the Regal Trophy quarter-final yesterday. Cru-saders, who defeated Wakefield 30-0 in the first round. were never in front and were let down by bad handling in atrocious conditions.

Tony Kay scored four tries as Workington Town beat Hunslet 34-12 to go through. A floodlight failure stopped the game betweeen Hull KR and Wigan with 90 seconds left — but it was decided to allow the 18-0 scoreline in Wigan's favour to stand. Castleford cruised through Hull beat Halifax 28-14.

Bradford Northern and Warrington will replay at Odsal on December 16 after an extraordinary fightback by Bradford on Saturday after they trailed 12-2 with 15 minutes remaining. Tries by Anderson and Shelford Hobbs just failed to lift a second conversion out of the mud at Wilderspool.

Doncaster, of the third division, have been issued with a winding-up order by the Inland Revenue, but say they are in a position to meet a tax bill exceeding £100,000 by the December 16 deadline.



Fogdoe speeds home to spoil the party

FROM DAVID POWELL IN VAL D'ISÈRE

am so sad for Patrice," he said.

THE tables were set and the house red was uncorked, but at lunchtime yesterday nobody hotel-restaurant: Patrice Bianchi had seen to that.

Bianchi's first run in the World Cup slalom, on his home town course, did nothing for business at his parents' establishment a quarter of a mile away. The second, and decisive, run was at 1pm and everybody left to see if Bianchi could sustain his unexpected

"We will be busy later if Patrice wins," Eliane Mathis,

wine was for commiserating. Bianchi's right ski hit a gate within sight of the finish and,

briefly, a hush fell over Val d'Isère. The silence was penetrated by a deafening, drawn-out, scream. "Yes," cried Tomas Fogdoe, a Swede enjoying victory from Bianchi's misfortune. Who would have thought it?

said. But, it turned out, the

Fogdoe had finished the first run in twelfth place. Winning from so far back is a once-aseason World Cup occurrence,

Steamboat Springs, Colora-do: Anita Wachter, of Austria.

skied swiftly through a snow-

storm on the second run to

win the World Cup women's

giant sialom here on Satur-

day. Wachter, who was second

fastest after/the opening run,

won with a combined time of

who led after the first run,

swerved off the course early in

the final run. Sabina

Panzanini, of Italy, a newcom-

er, was second in 2min

01.21 sec, and her compatriot,

Deborah Compagnoni, was

There were plenty of casual-

ties in the difficult conditions.

third in 2min 01.83sec.

Pernilla Wiberg, of Sweden,

2min 00.61sec.

Wachter storms through on second run

seventh or eighth, but I did not dare think I could win," Fogdoe said. "I am so happy, I just can't believe it." Then, Cup slalom champion. remembering whose town he was in, he showed manners. "I

But more happy for himself, than sorry for his opponent. in World Cup slalom, the fastest 15 from the opening run go first on the second run. The slowest of the 15 begins, which meant that Fogdoe, 22,

was fourth to go.
He took 45.72sec, but because the second run had three gates fewer than the first,

Vreni Schneider, the Swiss

hope, also skied off the course

during the second run. Julie Parisien, who began the day one point behind Wiberg in

the overall standings, failed to

complete the first run, and

Petra Kronberger, of Austria, the three-time defending over-

all champion, failed to qualify

Wachter, who won two sil-

ver medals at the Albertville

Olympics, was easily the fast-

est on the second run with a

time of 1min 03.15sec. The

result was something of a

triumph for both Wachter and

Compagnoni, who have recov-

ered from serious knee injuries

last season. Wachter tore her

ly how quick he was. Seven skiers failed to match Fogdoe's him and a World Cup official said last night that his accredi-tation would be withdrawn speed and then it was the turn of Alberto Tomba, the World from future events.

Tomba, surely, would take the lead, but the brilliance of the Swede's run grew apparent when the Italian recorded

away from the podium.

Next down was Armin
Bittner, of Germany, more "Where is the man in black?" Tomba bellowed at the bottom. He was referring to Stuart Fitzsimmons, who holds a record four British overall titles, and who had skied down alongside Tomba, shooting film. Tomba blamed

At halfway, Bianchi had half a second advantage. But have to ski close to the gates," he said. "There is no room for caution in the World Cup." medal.
RESULTS: World Capt Glant shilom: 1, A Wachter (Austria), 2min 0.61sec; 2, 3 Parazani (8), 20121; 3, D Compagnori (8), 20135; 4, 8 Eder (Austria), 20222; 5, K Andersson (Swe), 20226; 6, M Ed (Ger), 20236; 7, D Polfe (US), 20246; 6, U Maier (Austria), 20226; 9, 8 Parist (7), 20236; 10, M Yogt (Ger), 20246; 8, Perist (7), 20236; 10, M Yogt (Ger), 20246; 6, Parist (7), 20236; 10, M Yogt (Ger), 20246; 6, Parist (Rot), 132; equal 3, C Marie (7) and Parazanini, 80; 5, M Fjeldavi (Not), 84; 6, Eder, 63; equal 7, V Schneider (Switz), 60 and Compagnori, 60; 9, Polfe, 65; 10, P Wiberg (Swe), 50. Overall standings: 1, Wachter, 146; 2, Maier, 132; 3, Whong, 130; 4, J Parister (US), 139; 5, Schneider, 110; 6, Andersson, 90; squal 7, Meris and Parazanini, 80; 9, Rotle, 68; 10, Fjeldavi, 64.

1:35.70; 8, D Thoent (Austria), 1:35.81; 9, C Garous (ft), 1:38.08; 10, B Gistrein (Austria), 1:36.17. 34.PCR-GANT SLALOM: 1, J E Thomen (Nor), 1min 18.03sec; 2, F Heinzer (Switz), 1:16.40; 3, 1. Coltuni (ft), 1:16.41; 4, A Sisserdial (Nor), 1:18.44; 5, P Orticle (Austria), 1:15.47; 6, J Poligi (ft), 1:16.78; 7, A Sentipagiesi (ft), 1:16.99; 8, D Markstein, (Nor), 1:16.90; 9, G Madder (Austria), 1:16.90; 4; 401al 10, T Gerstine (Fr) and H Teuscher (Ger), 1:17.00; G Seil (GS), did real (Well).

Tomba's two-run time of 1min 35.70sec put him seventh. Fogdoe led on 1min 34.76sec. A punch of the air signalled Fogdoe's realisation that he was now only one place

than a second slower on the second run and ultimately fourth. Now Fogdoe punched with both arms. Then Hubert Strok, of Austria, second fastest in the morning, was also slower and Fogdoe was punching and shouting. Only Bianchi to come. Could it be?

the thought of caution through the last few gates never entered his head. "You

WORLD CUP POSITIONS: Overall: 1, Strote, 1200ts; 2, Tombs, 116; 3, K-A Asmod: (Nor), 111; 4, Bitner, 110; 5, Sylona, 109; 6, F Tescari (II), 106.

IN BRE Cook sews up top ranking

behind his fellow Briton, Richard Hobson, at the Ellat triathlon in Israel ensured that he finished the season as the No. 1 European.

Hobson's victory gave him the No. 3 ranking behind Didier Volckaert, of Belgium. Hobson won the 1.5. kilometre swim, 40km bicycle ride and 10km run in 1hr 51min 32sec, 21 seconds ahead of Cook.

During the 19-race European series scored with at Ferrara and Venice in Italy, Alanya in Turkey, and won a gold medal at the European long-course championships in Joroinen in Finland.

Name change

Athletics: The governing body of athletics in the United States on Saturday changed its name from The Athletics Congress to USA Track and Field. Larry Ellis was named

as president.

Gary Spring, of Britain, won the Singapore marathon in 2hr 22min 22sec. Yvonne Danson, of Britain, was the

Tens Negere, 20, of Ethiopia, won the Fukuoka mara-thon in 2hr 09min 04sec. ☐ The French federation will bid to host the European championships in 1998.

Jansher prevails

Squash: Jansher Khan, the world No 1, beat Jahangir Khan, the defending champion, 15-13, 15-5, 15-12 in the final of the Pakistan Open in Karachi. Jahangir, 29, was seeking to win the title for the

Yorkshire progress

Bowls: Yorkshire, who beat Cumbria, play Lincolnshire in the Manchester Unity Liberty Trophy quarter-finals on January 23. Devon will play Cornwall, but Hampshire and Kent will not know their opponents until January 9.

Male too strong

Rackets: James Male, the world champion, took the Lacoste British amateur championship at the Queen's Club with a straight-games victory over Willie Boone.

Douce double

Cyclo-cross: Steve Douce, the six-times British champion, London title by beating Bart Brenjens, of Belgium, by 43 seconds at Croydon yesterday.

Big finish

Golf: John Hamilton, of Edinburgh, won the Tunisian Open, the final event on the European senior tour, by two strokes from Bryan Carter.

ATHLETICS

LES MUREAUX, France: Cross-country races: Men: 1, W Crnwoya (Kenya), 26min 35.soc, 2, J Regala (Port, 35.s8, 3, A Behter (Fr.) 35 47 Women: 1, A Des (Port, 14:24, 2, H Fridatov (Rom), 14 35, 3, A Wyeth (GB), 16:37 MADRID: Cross-country reces: Men. 1, M. Fu. (Sp). 28mn 36sec; 2. O Ondoro (Kernya), 29:43, 3. I Nimatra (Kernya), 29:51. British placing, 8, S. Turnsali, 30:28. Women: 1. L Cheroma (Remsa), 17:54, 2. C. Forreta: (Par), 18:44, 3. A Moresa (Par), 19:46; 4. K. McLeod (GB), 19:03. FUKUOKA, Japan: Marathon: 1, T. Negery (Em), 2:03:04, 2:0. Let u. (SA), 2:10:28; 3, D. Gaica (Sp), 2:10:30. Inish placing: 10. M. O Selly, 2:12:28.

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CARLSBERG LEAGUE, Men: First division: Birmingham Bullets 75 (Smms 22, Smoterian 14), Oldman Cellics 75 (Smms 22, Smoterian 14), Oldman Cellics 75 (Fifte 23, Henderson 20), Chesthre Jets 89 (Thomas 24 Gardiner 18), Sunderland Santis 89 (Dougles 20 Hopper 16), Destby Bucks 86 (Hudd 30, Mikholet 21), Leoester Crily Fiders 79 (Tressent 26, Waldron 23), Garildford kmys 72 (Honlan 17, Brown 13), Thames 17, London 7 Jovens 82 (In Scartlebury 22, P Scantlebury 21) Manchester Gards 78 (Hutcheson 18 Rogers 15), Worthing Bears 100 (Irish 26, Spaal 20) Hennel Hempstead Rovists 74 (Lloyd 15, Keenan 14), Socond doesoon; Solent Sarss 88, Donaster Panhers 92, Ware Rebelt, 104, Lewisham Lightning 75 Birdon Top Cast 58, Plymouth Rudders 94, Middlosbrough Mohswis 75, Covertly Pyers 68 Women: First division: Central WINCA 52, Thames Valley 75; Sheffield Hathers 88, Normampton 45, Isosach 65, Londost 47, Northampton 75, Chechne 45, Normaghem Wildcats 52, Phondads 63 Second division: Camberley Golden Eegles 40, South Tynesde 65, Bruton Top Cast 59, Stonethade 65, Bruton Top Cast 59, Stonethade 65, Mattional Association (RIBA): Friday:

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BERCK, France: WBC super-bantam-weight championship: Tracy Patierson (US, holden) draw with Daniel Zaragoza (Mex) WBA super-bantamweight champ-lonship: Wifredo Vasquez (P Roc. holder) bi Themy Jacob (Fr), rsc 8th md MEXICO CTTY: WBC (Ightweight champ-lonship: Miguel Angel Gonzalez (Mex, holder) bit Danyl Tyson (US), pls. TELFCRC: Feattherweight (6 md); Kewn Mcdleton (Downham) bir Shari Robb (Tetlord), rsc 1st, Super-featther (6 md); Gareth Jordan (Monmouth) bi; Jeson While Theme), rsc 2nd. Welter (6 md); Kevin Thompson (Bantingham) bit McSey Lanwill (Tellord), pls Middle (8 md), Nexilis Brown (Burnon) bit Karl Banwas (Tooling), rsc 8th. Fichse Woodhall (Tollord) bit Horace Fisery (Huddlorsheld), pts.

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CYCLO-CROSS

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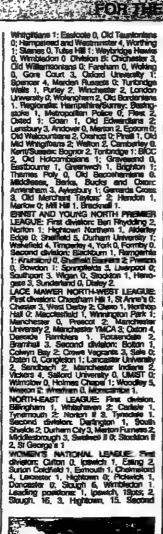
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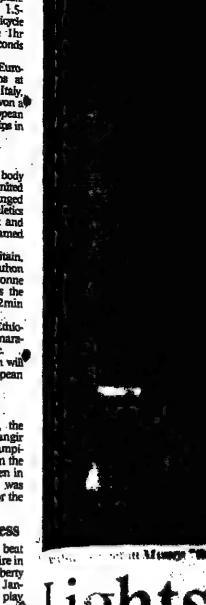
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At the Festival Hall violinist Viktoria Mullova and the LPO played scintillating Bartók

ROCK page 29

Christine McVie: her polished tunes are central to the appeal of Fleetwood Mac





An Oscar winner in Misery: "the tale of a maniacal fan confronting the writer she worships is still associated with Kathy Bates's star-making screen portrayal"

Lights, camera, action, curtain

or years, films have fed on the theatre, finding Oscars in such malleable stage fare as West Side Story, A Man For All Seasons, Amadeus and Driving Miss Daisy. Increasto be flowing the other way. The musical theatre, desperate for product, has seized upon hit films. The long-awaited Sunset Boulevard, Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical of Billy Wilder's classic 1950 film, has announced a June opening on the West End. Broadway is anticipating both Thursday's debut of My Favourite Year, a musical based on the 1982 Peter O'Toole film, and the March opening of The Good-bye Girl, Neil Simon and Marvin Hamlisch's stage musical version of

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Simon's 1977 movie. In their own category are produc-tions based not on films, but on novels that inspired hit films. Kiss of the Spider Woman, already ensconced at the Shaftesbury Theatre, or the forthcoming Misery. In a sense, though, the distinction is academic. While these shows creators may swear fidelity to their source novels, and not to the films they engendered, those films remain the specire hovering over the project which producers and audiences alike must contend with.

Chances are that more theatregoers nightly at Spider Woman remember William Hurt's droll 1985 film performance as Molina

As another stage version of a successful film opens in London, Matt Wolf looks at two-way traffic between theatre and cinema

ery may have been a best-seller of typically epic Stephen King proportions, but the tale of a maniacal fan confronting the writer she worships is still closely associated with Kathy Banes's star-making screen portray-al two years ago. The fact that Hurt and Bates both won leading actor Oscars in their respective years makes it doubly daunting for

any stage performer following on afterwards. The novel may be the launching pad, but it's the film that casts the long. enveloping shadow. Sharon Gless, the actress

inheriting Bates's role as the

murderously obsessive Annie Wilkes, acknowledges the irony in a television-trained perfomer stepping into a part played on screen by a thorough-bred New York theatre actress. "I'm not Kathy, and I couldn't pretend to be," says Gless, 49. whose only stage experience was a Massachusetts engagement in Watch On the Rhine. Our version akes the movie that much further, it's not a retread."

Simon Moore, the play's 34year-old writer/director, expands this point: "For me, precisely what I

than have ever laid eyes on Marroel didn't want to do is: 'Here's the powerful intermediary? Nine, dimassive uncharted territory which the film decided not to go into." In the movie, James Caan's Paul Sheldon "is a conventional action hero who's suddenly disabled," says Moore, whereas Bill Paterson in the play emphasises King's depiction of "a very vain novelist who thinks he's marvelious, and in

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a perverse way, Annie gives him a better critique than all the reviewers who will ever read him."

"It's much more an even twohander, if you like," continues Moore. "It's about somebody's fall from grace." And Stephen King adds: "I've always thought if Misery was anything, it was a play — a two-act, one-set moneymaker." But why bother to go back to the book when the film exists as a

can be useful, since it offers a built-in marketing lure few other shows can draw on. How many who saw Aspects of Love, Lloyd Webber's last musical, even knew of the 1955 source novel by David Garnett, a Tune's 1982 musical adaptation of With Sunset Boulevard, Lloyd Federico Fellini's groundbreaking Webber's success — at least com-

mercially — is as sure a bet as the theatre has. Added to that audience 84, rounded up the original title's fraction even as it created a show that had absolutely its own identity; curious about the next British much the same could be said of blockbuster, whatever it may be, will be a public eager to see how Billy Wilder's hard, brilliant movie Tune's more recent Grand Hotel. Other projects haven't been so kncky: Singin' In The Rain, a no less meshes with Lloyd Webber's traditionally lush theatrics. The quesbeloved MGM film, became a tacky West End vehicle for tions remaining are aesthetic, not financial: how do you adapt for the Tommy Steele, and a stage musical of the 1981 Dudley stage - a medium not obviously suited for close-ups - a film whose Moore/John Gielgud hit Arthur has floundered in initial most celebrated line begins, "I'm American productions. The notorious debacle of Carrie, ready for my close-up ... ??
As for Misery, co-producer Andrew Welch makes clear that the the only other Stephen King stage adaptation to date, has

association with the film is more boon than bane: "In a recession, of course, it may be that people go to see things they know and like."
And if the movie gives audiences a
prod, so much the better. The task, says Welch, is to "enhance the experience [of the film]. What we're going to have on stage is something that will be very different — Simon Moore's vision of the book as a

Misery previews at the Criterion (071-839 4488) from Thursday and opens on

Simply not good enough on stage

DANCE

John Percival thinks the Royal Ballet's decision to present a stage version of a favourite children's film reflects badly on everybody but the dancers

hen the proposal of mak-ing a ballet out of Beatrix Potter's children's books was put to Frederick Ashton, he declined on the grounds that people would say "the old boy has gone gaga". A dance film, he agreed, was quite another matter and he was right in the cinema, on elevision and on video Tales of Beatrix Potter has given delight to children for 21 years.

Now along comes Anthony Dowell and decides to transfer it to the stage; and reluctantly one is compelled to wonder whether it is he who has lost some of his marbles. Ashton, a real pro, knew that screen choreography needed different, simpler patterns than the stage, making up its interest through changing camera angles, close-ups, long shots and trick effects. Without these, much of Beatrix Potter is boring. There are one or two attractive dances tucked away in it, most notably the pretty duet for two porkers, Pig-wig and Pigling Bland, and a bouncy solo for a frog, Jeremy Fisher. But most of it, restricted by Christine Edzard's elaborate costumes, is just skipping about, and the structure is only a set of inconsequential

Also, with all the dancers hidden under Rostislav Doboujinsky's dever masks, the characters have no real life: their animal heads, completely dead and expressionless, recall a taxidermist's window rather than a farmyard. Edzard's stage designs are a skilled imitation of Potter's watercolours but fatally insipid. John Lanchbery's rumtturn score, concocted from tunes by Minkus, Balfe, Offenbach, Sullivan and others, soon begins to cloy. This kind of accompaniment, this complete rejection of any point or subject, these naive, jolly little dances, might well have been acceptable a hundred years ago in the ballet episodes at the old Leicester Square music-balls. But from what is supposed to be a major ballet company in the last decade of the 20th century, they

must seem pathetic.

Among the dancers, Isin Webb has the hardest job, replacing Ashton as Mrs Tiggy-winkle the hedgehog, and he acquits himself best, thanks to a sense of style and a gentie manner. Belinda Hatley's pig and William Trevitt's frog were the best of the rest.

There was much chording and chuckling at Friday's premiere, and I guess that the production may appeal to people who neither know nor care anything about ballet. But it is not something worth paying Covent Garden prices for, buy the video instead and see a better version of the ballet, danced by its outstanding original cast.

Those who sit through it will however, have the consolation of seeing one of Ashton's real bailets The Dream, given as the first part of the evening. This has worthwhile music (Mendelssohn, also arranged by Lanchbery, who conducts it in lively manner), a story by Shakespeare and all expressed in imaginative dances. Unfortunately it suffers from ill-conceived programme building, like serving a meal of two sweet courses.



"Naīve, jolly little dances": a scene from the Royal Ballet's production of Sir Frederick Ashton's Tales of Beatrer Potter

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Will more of Scotland's 'family silver' be sold?

BRIDGING

passed into theatre legend. Even Spider Woman, its vari-

ous accolades notwithstanding, suf-

fers in comparison. Whereas both

the novel and Hector Babenco's

film had an immediately apparent

raison d'être, the musical schizo-

phrenically marries a Vegas-style revue to a chorus line of cellmates.

Librettist Terrence McNally may claim the musical is "so unlike the

movie you never think of it," but the

title ensures the contrary.

Nevertheless, a well-known title

EDINBURGH University under fire for attempting to sell three of its finest art treasures: a landscape by Jacob van Ruisdael. and sculptures by Adrian de Vries and Giambologna. If the university succeeds in its aim, the £2 million that it raised earlier this year from the controversial sale of its volumes of bird illustrations by Audubon and Gould will be greatly exceeded. Estimates for the painting and the two scriptures range from £2 million to £5 million each.

Unfortunately for the university, its right to sell these treasures is disputed. When James Erskine of Torne bequeathed them in 1824, as part of a larger collection, he stipulated that his gift was "for the purpose of laying a foundation for a gallery for the encouragement of fine arts". The fight is now on to keep the treasures in Scotland, although the National Galleries of Scotland, with an annual purchase grant of £1.67 million, has not a hope of acquiring the great Ruisdaei landscape which is still one of

 ONE of the great ballet partnerskips of the post-war years will get at the Vandeville (071-836 9987) what will almost certainly be a on Saturday.

final airing next year. Christopher Gable and Lynn Seymour, for so long principal stars of the Royal Ballet will come together to dance Ballet, will come together to dance in Gillian Lynne's Simple Man at Leeds next February.

The ballet is based on the life of

L.S. Lowry and has been one of Gable's most prominent successes since he became administrator of Northern Ballet Theatre. The central roles of Lowry and his mother were famously created by Gable and Moira Shearer. Now Gable and Seymour will dance them. The last time they danced together was in the late Sir Kenneth Macmillan's Romeo and Juliet at Covent

Last chance . . .

AT ITS not very-deep bottom, June Moon is another all-American fairy story. It is about an innocent thymester who comes from the sticks to seek his fortune in New York and, after most of the usual vicissitudes, strikes it rich both professionally and romantically. But what distinguishes Ring Lardner and George Kaufman's comedy from the ordinary Broadway nonsense of the late 1920s and early 1930s is its gently satirical portrait of Tin Pan Alley: shyster agents, dnimb lyrics, stily tinkles and all. The final performance of a regrettably all-too-short run will be



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TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS": TODY Robertson's production of Anthur Wing Pinaro's play with Sarah Brightman as Rosa Trelawny, a ster of Sadier's Walls at the end of the 19th century who leaves the thealing to marry an aristocrat. The cast includes Michael Jason Cornery. Opening night.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Screet, SW1 Comedy Theatre, Partion Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Lonight, 7pm. then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, meis Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

A PENNY FOR A SONG: A Dorset household of eccentrics prepare to detend their shares from Napol awazou yest: Yolku Myquud,s eudaduud cornedy. Opening right.

Orange Tree, Clarence Street.
Richmond (081-940 3633). Tonight,
7.45pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat

OXDO AND ARMEAS: Purcel's minature masterplace is given an "authentic" staged performance by the English Bach Festival, the first in a ear of events to celebrate the proneering ensemble's 30th anniversary. The cast includes Della Jones, Nigel Leeson-Williams and Martyn Hill Smith, Dawd Wrey directs the English Bach Festival Baroque Ensemble, Singers, Dancers, Queen Elizabeth Hell, South Bank,

SAUL AND DAVID: Long reglected outside Dermark, this opere by Carl Nielsen deserves attention not only as a

p. 136425045: Sonchaim's therp and successful musical explores the impulse that drives no-hopers to list American Presidents. Dorsmer Warehouse, Eartham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150), Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mats Thurs, Set, 3pm, 105mins

conquest in Pan Alley, Delighitus comedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Kautman. Pine cast led by Adem Godley and Frank Lazznus. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-838

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Tremendously glossy production of the Kender & Ette Imascal. It comments the values of Manuel Pulg's novel but Chia Rivers makes a striking vamp. Shadlesbury, Shaflasbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 539), Mon-Sat, Born, material Med Sat Street (Minister).

performance by Rosentary Hente in a Neil Simon cornedy more weighty than

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usual, Maureen Libraan gives good

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E LOST OF YOMKERS: THINK

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HASTINGS: The rock 'n' roll revivalish

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pley that hitherto was best known as a pery was married was deep provin as a trusty potitoiler for american. Grand Theatine, Church Street, Blackpool (0253 28372), Toright, Sat, 8pm, Tuke-Fri, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 1.30pm, Sat, 4pm. RHYL-Weish National Opera returns to Welss for its Christmas sesson. In Rhy Weish is week, the company offers a revival of Gliss Haweign's production of the Rosein opera, The Barber of Seutili

itonight. Thurs. Set), but the highlight of the week is the first performance on Fricialy night of the company's new production of Mozen's Cost fan Euite. Tracing of Mezent's Coeffer auto, Tracing Lole conducts, with Feith Elicit as Flording and Ann Taylor Mortey as Oorsbelle. New Pavillon Theatre, The Pornenade, Rhyl, Cwyd (0745 890000), was, 7.30pm.

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TELEVISION REVIEW: Benedict Nightingale on early Terence Rattigan revived

Timely dance as war drums sounded 'Don't

THE 26-year-old Terence Rattigan wrote After the Dance in 1937, just after his French Without Tears had triumphed. He wanted to show he was not just a cute craftsman. Perhaps he aspired to be a spokesman for a rebellious age-group, as Coward had been with The Vortex and Osborne was to be with Look Back in Anger. The play, he said, was a firm statement that another war was coming, and that it was the fault of those who had made hay after the last one: "an indictment of that generation by the younger

After the Dance was no great popular success when it was belatedly staged in the London of 1939. Indeed, it fell victim to the very war against which Rattigan was warning his seniors, and has remained more or less forgotten. But Stuart Burge's revival (BBC 2, Saturday) showed that it has at least as much jurice as The Vortex. Substitute marijuana for the gin the characters seem never to stop swigging, and it might be about the decline of those who came to maturity - or do I mean immaturity? - in the 1960s.

Rattigan called his protagonist David Scott-Fowler in back-handed tribute to Scott Fitzgerald, who was then drinking away his talent in Hollywood. He was seen throwing boozy parties in his Mayfair flat, swapping gossipy memories with su-perannuated bright young people, developing cirrhosis of the liver, and, when not drunk or hung over, trying to pen popular histories. For some reason, this made him irresistible to Helen, a high-minded woman much younger than himself. She won his heart, reawakened his self-respect, and set about reforming him, precipitating the suicide of his wife. Joan.

Burge's production began with a flip through a Times filled with accounts of the Munich Agreement and ended with a glimpse of a later copy reporting the start of conscription. Rattigan would have approved of the implicit call to political responsibility. After all, he had spent the latter part of 1937 demonstrating against Franco and



writing a spoof about Hitler that was banned by the Lord Chamberlain as "likely to give offence to a friendly country". But he would also have admitted that the play we saw, though faithfully performed, was not as clearcut as the one he planned. Indeed, he said that as he wrote his sympathies drifted towards an older generation which "with all its faults was less boring and priggish".

That was apparent enough on

Saturday. Somehow the big, wellmeaning smiles of Imogen Stubbs's Helen got more irritating while the idlers she was so eagerly denouncing seemed less and less shallow. As Gemma Jones played her, Joan became one of those characters, familiar from later Rattigan plays, who hide an intensity of affection beneath a mannered froat. Even John Bird, at first the archetypal drone, turned out to be quite a shrewd sort. No doubt we were

meant to be appelled when Anton Rodgers's David renounced Helen and returned to the bottle; but it seemed the less unhappy ending.

So was Rattigan even then more reactionary and less radical than he himself thought? Maybe. But it also suggested that he was an artist rather than a propagandist. After the Dance may have been an apprentice work, awkward at times; but life, not ideology, wrote the best of it.

Opera Theatre Company's make-

EARLY MUSIC: Stephen Pettitt reviews two contrasting London performances of Monteverdi

Duels on dual tracks

HERE were two very different versions of Monteverdi's experiment in musicdrama, Il Combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda. At the Queen Elizabeth Hall. William Christie and Les Arts Florissants, back in London for the second time in a fortnight dealt the work a life-giving hand of spontaneity, historical awareness, and that vital ingredient lacking in most comparable groups: panache. One hardly missed the fact that the piece was not staged.

Meanwhile, at The Place, the Opera Theatre Company guests from Dublin, clad the duellists as Crusader and Saracen and had the Narrator stand by in ceremonial white tie and tails. They were accompanied by a motley crew of modern strings, Irish harp and an electric keyboard pretending to be a harpsichord. The conductor Mark Armstrong took the work at a more measured pace than Christie, with conspicuously less affinity for the style. Even so, Maureen White's staging brought it visually to life, and Nicholas Sears was an outstanding Narrator,

VIKTORIA MULLOVA, not known

for her flamboyance, arrived on the

Festival Hall platform in Magyar

scarlet, black and gold to play Bartok's

Second Violin Concerto with the

London Philharmonic. She brought with her a sense of occasion which had

already been conveyed by the orchestra itself in the opening Richard Strauss

Don Juan overture. Bernard Haitink

was back, and they were sitting up and

Mullova's tough, acerbic up-best,

taking notice.

passionate, sensitive and commanding though in Omar Ebrahim's Tancredi one sensed vocal straining and in Kathleen Tynan's Clorinda

there was an inhibiting tension.
In fact, the vocal qualities of the Irish group were not so different from the French-based one. Both ensembles plumped for finished, thoroughly trained singers rather than those who find the comforting womb of "early music while still vocally raw. An openthroated, flexible sound is surely right for this music. But Christie's team -Nicolas Rivenc as the Narrator, Francoise Semeilaz as Clorinda, and Adrian Brand as Tancredi - were well schooled in the style. Colour, pacing and drama were more extreme, and so was the passion in their reading of what is, after all, an extreme piece. Les Arts Florissants proved equally effective in other Monteverdi madri-

gals. Whether in the vividly bellicose "Altri canti di Marte" (for full ensemble), the deliciously sensual suspensions of "Interrotte speranze" (two tenors), or the florid "O come sei gentile" (two sopranos, recalling the "Et exultavir" from the Magnificat in the Vespers) there were beautifully finished performances, suavely ornamented.

In the second half there was also the "Lamento della Ninfa" (with Claire Brus as a ravishing Nymph), the brief and witty "Chi vol haver Felice", the gorgeously aromatic "Al hume delle Stelle", and the emotionally all-embracing "Hor ch'el Ciel e la terra", as fine a piece of word-setting as Monteverdi ever wrote. Throughout, the instrumental team, led by Christie at the harpsichord and by the violinist Hiro Kurosaki, was a perfect match for the voices, equally alive to the nuances.

weights, on the other hand, were two new one-act, three-person music dramas, also directed by White, both of which could have been served better by composers and librettists alike. Fergus Johnston's Bitter Fruit, to a text by Neil McCafferty, took as its subject the recent case of Bishop Bamonn Casey's admission that he had fathered a child. There were moments when words and score reflected the tragic hypocrisies involved - and Ebrahim was a wonderfully farcical Judge making pompous pronouncements about abortion — but the work needed a sharper cutting edge. The music, for string quartet and harp, seemed bland until Josquin's song "Milles Regretz" emerged poignantly at the end.

Kevin O'Connell's Sensational', with a libretto by Gerard Stembridge, attempted to make an opera about a gossip columnist, her potential victim and her informer. That it failed was down to the fact that the element of farce did not go nearly far enough.

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CONCERT: Lucid Bartók from Haitink and the LPO

Elegance and eloquence

cimbalon voice of harp and celeste; to the chamber music at the heart of the mercurial fifth variation.

Mullova, meanwhile, spoke in an undertone, veiled, reticent, yet still very much in the realm of consciousness. As Bartók's broader variations on the concerto's larger theme continued into the finale, Mullova enjoyed the

pels his players to listen intently: to the quality of dry wit required for the violin's duet with the timpani; to the iron will, tempered by glassy lyricism. substituted for the more robust "con

spirito" Bartók had specified. After the interval came the real Concerto for Orchestra. Typically. Haitink ensured that overt virtuosity was not a major issue. It was there, to be sure, in fine playing from all the orchestra's soloists; but it was a means to a long-sighted musical end.

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was one of the lasting impressions of this performance. It could be sensed within a single movement; in the full weight of the violins leaning out of the trombones' shadow into the rhythm of trombones' shadow into the rhythm of the quickening tempo of the first movement. And it was there, too, in Haitink's cool understatement, which defity set the two lighter movements into relief in the context of the two more weighty outer movements.

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Don't stop thinking of yesterday

Even their "dinosaur rock" label is old hat. Caroline Sullivan profiles Fleetwood Mac: 25 years old, and endorsed by Bill Clinton

ost rock bands regard hotel windows as exit routes for furniture. Fleetwood Mac reversed the process. They had grand pianos craned into their suites. This. naturally, was after the suites had been repainted to their specifications. The five musicians travelled to concerts in separate limousines; there, hairdresser, wardrobe mistress and make-up artist stood by to prod them into presentability.

All of this, which occurred during

ounded.

the 1980 Tusk tour, is recounted in a new book by drummer Mick Fleetwood: My 25 Years in Fleetwood Mac (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £17.99). Its publication last week coincided with the release of a form CD anthology, 25 Years - The Chain (Reprise). At £53.99, the set is not a bargain, but a two-CD condensed version. Selections from 25 Years — The Chain is out today.

This lavishness is typical of Fleetwood Mac. When it comes to excess, they not only wrote the book but bound it in hand-tooled sequins. Their 1977 album, Rumours (whose 25 million sales make it the biggestselling rock album after Michael Jackson's Thriller, spawned a leg-endary era of high living that continued into the Eighties. Tusk, the foliow-up to Rumours, cost \$1 million to record — a vast sum in 1979.

"We'd fly in lox from Nova Scotia," says the keyboardist/songwriter Christine McVie. "It was outrageous, but it was really fun at the time."

The Mac lifestyle was indivisible from the music. Their burnished soft rock could only have been created by people who had pianos winched into hotel rooms. The style became known as Adult Rock or, as the punks of the day insisted, Dinosaur Rock, Mac's success inspired a host of similarly tasteful bands. It is possible to forgive Fleetwood Mac their pianos. But can

we forgive them Dire Straits? A 1990 hit by The Reynolds Girls wood Mac." Fleetwood Mac have has happened since.

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heard the song, and pronounce themselves bemused. I thought jack, meant something rude," says Mick Fleetwood, still wryly English after 19 years' residence in Califor-nia. "It's never hip to like anyone successful. When we started we were considered cool; then we got into the charts and suddenly we were the

biggest schlocks ever. Sting once criticised us, but look at him now." Fleetwood and McVie have not been obliged to meet the press since the release of their last studio album, 1990's Behind the Mask. Now they are easing back into public view, gearing up for an anticipated appearance at Bill Clinton's inaugural ball.
"Probably," Fleetwood hedges.
"We've been approached, and told

them we'd like to play."

Perhaps the president-elect thought it was the least he could do after appropriating the band's old hit "Don't Stop (Thinking About Tomorrow)" as his campaign theme song. If it happens, Fleetwood Mac will be the first rock group to grace an inaugural gala. Depending on how you look at it, their presence there will emphasise Clinton's youth or the group's own middle-agedness.

oon after that, the group (currently composed of Fleetwood, McVie, bassist John McVie, guitarist Billy Burnette and vocalist/writer Stevie Nicks) will start a new album. Mac albums are notoriously long in the making. Two years in the studio is nothing for an outfit that once spent four days just tuning a piano. When it eventually appears, it will certainly be the usual classy affair, with Christine's polished tunes offset by

Nicks's mystical meanderings.
Fleetwood Mac's internal affairs have always been hirld and labyrin-thine. My 25 Years in Fleetwood Mac presents a somewhat sanitised version of a history that has encompassed drugs, alcoholism, apparent insanity and cult religions (for start-



Christine McVie and Mick Fleetwood: "It was outrageous, but it was really fun at the time"

"I've sobered up and become drug-free," declares Fleetwood, who looks pretty good for someone who admits to 15 years of substance misuse. "It was long overdue. Drugs became a bloody nightmare. I'd be in bed for three or four days at the time. I was good at disguising it, but I was a functioning wreck." "You'd be the colour of this wall," McVie tells him, gesturing at the white paint, "and we'd be terrified you'd pass out on

your drums on stage."
"I only couldn't do an encore once at Wembley," Fleetwood replies, "I'd rather jack [dance] than Fleet-ers). The book ends in 1990. Much mildly miffed. "But I was desperate. I went to Hawaii and drank a bottle of Children of God cult, he reveals: designing teapots."

brandy a day for ten days. Then I played tennis with my daughter and passed out. I thought I'd had a stroke. Two days later, by the grace of God, I

stopped everything overnight." He speaks with moving eloquence. Drugs have eviscerated his band. Three members, Peter Green, Jeremy Spencer and Danny Kirwan, broke down under their effects. Green, considered a great guitar talent, slept rough for a time, as did Kirwan. Fleetwood says that Green is now "seemingly better". He has not seen Kirwan recently. Of Spencer, who "He's great. He lives in Rio and has eight kids and three grandchildren." Nowadays, Fleetwood and churns are more selective about their indul-

gences. They are hideously wealthy; Rumours still generates royalty cheques that Fleetwood describes as "a kind of pension". Instead of spending the money on cocaine and lox, they admit to a penchant for houses and first-class air travel. The future? "I don't like Los

Angeles. I hate having to sleep with an earthquake kit by the bed," says Christine. "Eventually I'd like to quit hours before a concert to join the move back here and start a sideline

THEATRE: In London, a comic nightmare faultlessly acted; in Manchester, a flawed staging of a classic children's story

Life's a funny old game

he puzzled colleague who, before Neville Southall's Washbag had started, maintained that Neville Southall was a real-life footballer was proved right. Not that David Farr's play at the Finborough is a factual look at the sport, more a symbolist allegory in which the Everton goalkeeper has come to dominate the leading character's imagination. It is as if An Evening With Gary Lineker had been re-written by a quarrelsome combination of Harold Pinter, Samuel Beckett and N.F. Simpson.

As a director, Fart was responsible for Botho Strauss's Seven Doors at the Gate last summer, a fascinating and funny version of an author who can be intractable for British audiences. The same mixture of comedy and nearmetaphysical portentousness can be found in this play which the author also directs. Despite inconsistencies. Farr the writer shows an eye for the humour of surreal incongruity; and Farr the director reinforces his reputation for handling actors, since the

seven-strong cast is faultless. The set by Roswitha Gerlitz shows a bare room, wallpaper stripped or hanging in shreds, a window boarded up. The



Get surreal: Pete Lee Wilson and Stephanie Buttle

only furniture is a chair and a television set. "I've become very reductive in my philoso-phy," says Bill who lives there

(Pete Lee Wilson). His brother Jim arrives, the manager of a band (Will Keen). This might be the home life of the brothers in The Caretaker as they gingerly pace out the private limbo constructed as a defence against the outside world.

Further visitors include the two members of the band, one

of whom, a shy child (Timothy Stark), holds the secret of their future success in a mysterious washbag. This echoes Bill's obsession with the washbag struck by the ball at Wembley in 1985 which, according to him, scattered its contents over the pitch and into the sky, a pyrotechnic monsoon of shaving articles, spare socks and boot laces - as much an affirmation, revelation and

covenant as the rainbow pre-

sented to Noah by God.

It is weird but it works, as the characters pursue their fantasies: a schoolgirl waif obsessed with football (Stephanie Buttle) and the rebellious bass player, played with restrained comic power by Will Barton. Above all, a mysterious girl calls sporadically to collect for the aged. She not only strips houses of furniture, but loads the walls and ceilings into her truck, and finally the football pitch on which the oungsters have been playing. Rachel Weisz plays this cross between Lady Bountiful and the SAS with a gently inexorable appeal and the unstoppa-

ble logic of insanity. The sinister object of her search is Bill's vanished girlfriend (Nicola Walker), who we meet in flashbacks to their troubled relationship. The final revelation unboards the window - the pub theatre's real window giving onto SW10 — and, as the group breaks up and things fall into place, what should be a corny

resolution is oddly moving.

The play sags towards the end of the first half; but it creates its own comic nightmare world. Make what you will of the symbols, but come on in: the acting's fine.

MARTIN HOYLE

Suburban magic proves elusive

loods in the South, land-slips in the Midlands, but nothing deters a man whose motto is: "The critic gets through!" Even so, as the hours spent reaching Elidor started catching up with the number of miles covered, I wished that real travel was as easy as in Alan Garner's novel, adapted and directed by Bryan Elsley for the Christmas show at Manchester's Contact Theatre.

in Garner's Manchester, the Watson children have only to hear a fiddler playing in Thursday Street and within its ruined church lies the route to the ruined Land of Elidor, the Mound of Vandwy, the Castle of Gorias. Boughs of apple blossom will hold them enchanted, shadows creep dangerously close and there are treasures that glow in the dark. Most of the story takes place in a humdrum suburb, where

the children guard the bowl, jewel, sword and spear entrusted to them by Elidor's embattled king. In our world, these treasures appear as a railing, a cracked cup and other everyday scraps, yet they draw in from the other world creatures of darkness, and the book's excitement is generated by the magical danger gathering in a

prosaic environment. Something of the book's scary power comes across in Elsley's version when the brick walls of Roland's bedroom bulge inwards under the assaults of something nasty outside. But he lops away so much that gives the story vigour that anyone who has enjoyed the book will be grievously disappointed, while those to whom it is unknown must surely find the moments of excitement separated by

long, dull bits. Elsley also devotes too much time to the parents, making them drearily comic. The slide projections on to the empty window of the church are effective, and Mark Niven's Roland, though beefy for a ten-year-old, conveys & determination not to be overawed by older siblings that should endear him to young children. But when Findhorn the unicorn finally sings, and saves all, surely something better can be done than asking a dancer with a glass horn to writhe to taped music.

JEREMY KINGSTON

who won this ithough Jerry Lee Lew-is was top of the bill, the A Giants of Rock 'n'Roll Preston again be possible?

Little doubt

concert at Wembley Arena on Saturday belonged to Little Richard, whose 60th birthday was marked by presentation of a piano-shaped cake. In a purple jacket, with a Charles II hairstyle and glitter-dust across his heavily made-up face, he tore into "Lucille", "Bony Moronie", "Keep A-Knockin' "Send Me Some Loving", "Rock and Roll Music", "Good Golly Miss Molly" and "Tutti Frutti": the spirit of rock, a holy fool, a true original. His magnificent seven-piece band never faltered. He invited dancers on stage to augment his own two and climbed on and off the piano. Astonishingly limber (and vain beyond parody — "I'm still beautiful. I ain't conceited, I'm convinced!"), he is an impossible act to follow.

When Jerry Lee took the stage, chunky but frail, his playful, solid versions of "Sweet Little Sixteen", "Whole Lotta Shakin' " and "Great Balls of Fire" were no match for the pyrotechnics that had gone before. His guitar-star band manfully pursued him through the key-changes as he explored the extremes of the piano's range. The finale, with Richard, Lloyd Price and others joining in, was good-natured and even reasonably

coherent: we left with a proper sense that we had witnessed history. When will a bill induding Lewis and Richard, let alone Duane Eddy, Bobby Vee, Lloyd Price, Little Eva. Chris Montez and Johnny

Chris Montez seemed no closer to singing in tune than he was in 1962 on "Let's Dance". Johnny Preston opened his ten minutes with a opened his ten minutes with a driving rocker, "Feels So Fine", saving "Running Bear" for a big finish. As for Little Eva, my, how she has grown. When she put

her weight behind the line "You've got to swing your hips now", in "The Locomotion", everybody said amen. Bobby Vee, whose four-piece had been backing the rest, brought on an extra guitarist for his smooth set. His clear voice is still true and the drippy pop

hits as appealing as ever.
Lloyd Price, with his sixpiece all-black band, harked
back to the rhythm 'n' blues side of rock's parentage, with a tantalising taste of what must be a superb full-length revue. Duane Eddy, king of twang, with a nine-strong band, was more country-crossover. Apart from a misguided "3,30 Blues", his set hit all the right buttons, especially "Pele Gunn" and "Rebei Rouser".

TONY PATRICK

Gang loyalties

events in pop takes place every December.

Gary Glitter emerges from retirement, levers on a lamé jumpsuit and goes to the nation. His "Christmas Gangshow should not be missed by anyone with a taste for the bizarre.

The relationship between "The Leader" and his "People" is a remarkable one. Most of the twentysomething crowd at the Brixton Academy did not seem insane. Yet they responded with a fervour that only a therapist could explain. They waved huge foam-rub-ber fists and screamed "Lea-Deri" One man wore an arrangement of blinking cathode tubes that might have

interested John Logie Baird. The Leader entered to a discofied Wagnerian march. Sequinned and feathered, bouffant trembling, he made an oddly heroic figure. You really had to admire him.

First off were a couple of tunes familiar to anyone who owned a radio in the Seventies. Glitter barked out "I Didn't Know I Loved You" and "Do You Wanna Touch" with the bellicose hysteria of yore. His pelvic thrusts ensured that sex was perhaps the

ne of the strangest last thing on anyone's mind inexplicably filled with unfamiliar, presumably new, material. Not that this made a difference, of course. All of it contained the usual, primitive, two-drummer rhythm pat terns. The songs might as well have been the old hits with different words.

Just as his subjects were readying themselves for the long night. The Leader disap-peared backstage. The ensuing 45-minute break was filled with Gaz home movies and reminders that his new single was on sale in the foyer. The man is shameless.

Glitter was eventually returned to the stage on a motorcycle. Dismounting gingerly, he then stomped into his signature tune, "Do You Wanna Be In My Gang?" You would have assumed from the frenzied reaction that it was Jason Donovan up there. Gary wears snazzier suits. though.

The Gangshow touches down at Wembley Arena later this month. Attendance there should be compulsory for behavioral analysts and bands such as R.E.M.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

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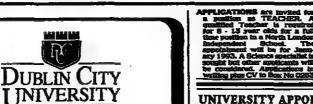
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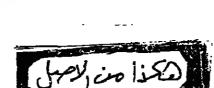
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Cutting edge of truancy

Where should Whitehall and individual schools look for the elusive solution to the truancy problem?

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hen, 18 months ago, John Patten grappled with rising crime rates at the Home Office, he saw the problem clearly. Almost half of the joy-riders, arsonists, burglars and other offenders whose records passed across his desk had been truants at school.

Mr Patten's elevation to the Cabinet in April as education secretary brought an early opportunity to respond. Truancy was suddenly brought to the top of his new department's agenda. It be-came almost a personal crusade as July's Education White Paper embellished the theme.

The "cycle of criminality" was too often triggered by the first moment of truancy. "It starts with hanging around street corners, drifting into shoplifting and stealing bicycles, 'progresses' to petty burglary, per-baps becoming involved with drugs and then moves on to stealing cars or criminal damage. Before long, the journey from street corner to prison cell is complete," the White Paper says.

However, the problems of planning a detailed, cohesive strategy to combat truancy are soon apparent. How many children are undermining the education system, and wasting their talents and taxpayers' money, by missing school? Instead of useful national statistics, there is a black hole. Truents are expert at not being there to answer researchers' questions and, by definition, school registers miss the largest numbers of non-attenders who skip individual lessons after signing on

each morning and afternoon. The picture facing Mr Patten is inevitably blurred and incomplete. Truants miss lessons for a myriad of reasons: bright pupils Want to catch up on GCSE coursework: Asian pupils can disappear for months just before their fourteenth birthday to take advantage of child



High marks: David Thomas, who has improved attendance by 13 per cent in two years at White Hart Lane School, Haringey

air fares to the sub-continent; some

single parents rely on older child-ren to stay home for company.

The biggest-ever survey of tru-ancy, based on 40,000 pupils aged 14-16 at more than 50 schools, will provide a snapshot in the new year. It is expected to confirm earlier, smaller studies and report that about one in three pupils have been truants and that one in five have done so to avoid partic-

North London University's £184,000 investigation, commissioned by the education department, and led by Dennis O'Keeffe and Patricia Stoll, will again show that most children like

school, but many hate certain subjects. It will beg questions about 13-year-olds, previously neglected in the belief that fourth and fifthformers are the most frequent

The government's first national league tables, listing all attendance rates, will add more flesh next year. Other measures to make schools accountable are already in place. All 25,000 state primary and secondary schools in England and Wales must include an average unauthorised absence figure and the percentage of offending pupils in this year's prospectus. But will the publicity actually

shame teachers and education welfare officers into action? Will it be enough to rely on local education authorities to tackle feckless parents who fail to ensure their children go to school by imposing a maximum fine recently increased to £1,000? Warnings that national tables

will be flawed because of the likely method of compilation go far beyond the "education establish-ment". Critics contend that

'We followed the three-Rs: rules, rights and responsibilities'

headteachers have too much leeway to decide whether pupils' absence is authorised — and exempt from statistics — or unauthorised. John Fowler, assistant secretary for education at the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, says this amounts to a "scout's honour" system, an open invitation to subversion by schools. Dr O'Keeffe dismisses it as a "licence to tell fibs".

Yet, while there is almost universal scepticism of league tables as the solution to truancy, most acknowledge they may be a catalyst. Already local authorities are preparing for the shock therapy of these rankings. Teachers are pay-ing to attend seminars at North London University, which is rapidly gaining currency with its radical alternative to traditional theory.

£186,000 grant brought coffee rooms with televisions for each year Dr O'Keeffe argues that the importance of truancy is not as an

indicator of inner-city deprivation or fledgeling criminality — just as many boys as guils truant but do not go on to offend. Instead it is a key measure of schools' performance. Children who choose to miss partioular lessons are engaged in

the "purest form of decisionmaking". Truants are rational consumers. By taking the school menu à la carte, they reveal which subjects or teachers are unsatisfactory and require remedy. His approach implies there is no grand solution to trusney, but a series of answers discovered by individual schools as they identi-

Amid the confusion, Mr Patten is perhaps gaining clues from the actions of 31 authorities who have been given their head under a three year £6 million government educa-tion support grant programme which, started in 1990. White Hart Lane School, in Haringey, north London, was on the verge of collapse in 1989. Just 72 per cent of pupils turned up on average, with up to four out of ten fifth-formers

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away some days. Attendance was used as a focus for concerted action to turn the 720-strong school around. A group, regular newsletters to keep parents in touch and inscribed mugs to reward pupils with 100 per cent attendance records. New stress was laid on school rules, uniform, detailed attendance targets and spot classroom checks to combat post-registration truancy. Special classes were provided to help pupils

return after long-term absence. "We followed the three-Rs: rules, rights and responsibilities," David Thomas, the project co-ordinator, says. "We tried to make the school more welcoming for pupils and parents, while making the teachers, not the local authority, responsible for pupils as well as the teaching and curriculum to attract them."

White Hart Lane's attendance jumped by almost 13 per cent within two years and the school's target of 90 per cent is firmly within its sights. The number of pupils staying on beyond 16 has doubled.

Other authorities are harnessing new computer technology to streamlinedaily registration. Teachers at Warwick Park School, in Peckham, for example, now receive a daily class print-out to double-check attendance for individual Jegons.

So there is progress, and effort, and movement. Ironically, however, the lesson for Mr Patten appears to be that truancy is a hydra which cannot be slain from Whitehall.

Policy walks a tightrope

IS ENGLISH education walking a tightrope between success and disaster? In some ways this is true at all levels - schools, vocational education and training, and higher

The school system - state and independent — is in turmoil. The government wants nothing less than a revolution. A national curriculum is being constructed at breakneck speed and imposed on schools by law. New management techniques and financial mechan-isms are intended to create the semblance of a market in edu-cation. Examinations are being multiplied. More information is being demanded for parents

much of it in a form that even the best-informed will find misleading. This is a difficult time for independent schools, too. Their debts get bigger each term, boarding numbers are shrinking, and there are signs that more pupils are dropping out at 16.
For vocational

education and training, the complement to the government's bold school reforms came in 1990 with

the Confederation of British Indus-try's manifesto, "Toward a skills revolution". This called for a transformation of industrial training in Britain, based on the assumption that all young people should re-main in education and training, full or part-time, to 18, and that adult employees should go on training and retraining throughout their working lives.

The manifesto set out national

education and training targets in terms of national vocational qualifi-cations (NVQs) and their educa-tional equivalents: by 1995, 90 per cent should attain four GCSEs at grades A to C or GVQs at level two - by the end of the decade. Fifty per cent should have two A levels or NVQs at level three. Progress has

been encouraging.
Yet the sense of blundering along the side of a precipice remains. The Training and Enterprise Councils are starved of funds and uncoordinated. If the targets are being attained, it is by accident rather than by well-articulated design. There is still no clear recognition that all young people need

not just as preparation for a narrowly specific job, but as preparation for working life.

More by luck than good judgment, successive education secretaries have blundered into clever and thrifty expansionist policies for higher education. It is a remarkable turn-round from the days when Sir Keith Joseph wanted to cut back in order to save money and raise standards.

The change in funding arrangements changed the climate from contraction to expansion. The money the universities get from the government funds comes in two main parts: a fee element, directly

related to the number of students and

a general grant-in-aid. By increasing

the fee element, the

government gave the universities an

incentive to get more students. But

the additional

numbers were covered only by the

fee element. The

rest of the grant did

not go up in line. So student num-

bers rose but unit

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costs fell. But, again, it is a precarious basis for expansion. You cannot indefinitely reduce the ration and expect the patient to remain healthy. Marginal financing can work only at the margin.

The Chancellor's Autumn Statement said the tap is to be turned off; the expansion of recent years is to taper off. Funding for next year will assume no increase in 1993 new admissions over 1992. The fee element for arts and social science students will be reduced, so competition will become sharper. There will be a cash incentive for the universities to favour science and technology — but students for these courses are in short supply.

Running universities is a long-term business. Short-term switches of direction are expensive and inefficient. The expansion policies the government stumbled on revealed a huge unmet and un-acknowledged demand for higher education — a demand that must have/been there all along.
Instead of pursuing this aim with

confidence, the universities must start once more to walk the tightrope hoping, against hope, that it will all be all right on the night.

A new-book will help teachers — and pupils — understand the Holocaust

Explaining the ultimate inhumanity

S tudying the Holocaust is now part of the National Curriculum for pupils as young as 13. This is one of the most discussed and controversial events of the 20th century, but for most of us - and that includes many teachers - the subject is beyond comprehen-

Schools are inadequately resourced and much of the informed literature is inaccessible, particularly to those in their early teens. With so many teachers ill-equipped to deal with the enormity of one of the most momentous events in human history, it is hardly surprising that some of them

teach it all and, of those that do, many teach it very badly. Ronnie Lan-

dau, the head of humanities London's City Literary one of Britain's

and teacher-trainers of the Holocaust, has set out to fill the void with a new book on the subject, The Nazi Holocoust. While welcoming the subject onto the National Curriculum, he needs some convincing that 13 is an appropriate age or level at which to introduce pupils to what he believes is potentially the ultimate humanities topic. "We must understand that the Holocaust, for all its freakishness, was a human event - all

too human. Without losing sight of the incomparable uniqueness of the Holocaust as an entire event it is educationally essential to break it down into a range of limited human experiences, motives, crises and responses, with which it might be easier to identify and which can stand comparison

with other predicaments."
Having married into a survivor family, Landau admits that talking to his parents-inlaw about what had happened to them, added a totally different dimension to his view of the Holocaust. "Probably 90 Jews as victims. I wanted to lift the material out of the world of the victim and away from what for many people has become 'sacred Jewish territory."

lessons to be derived from the Holocaust, there is no sense whatever in ascribing its execution to Sa-

tanic monsters, 'I wanted to for then it becomes unrelated to what is lift the humanly intelligible. Such a material out zism would inof the world abstract deof the victim' humanisation

criminately of all Germans which was precisely the Nazi attitude towards Jews."

Sympathetic to the daunting task facing any teacher at-tempting to teach the subject. Landau believes that "if taught skilfully and responsibly, it can help socialise and even 'civilise our students. If taught badly, it can traumatise and encourage a purely negative view of all Jewish history, of Jewish people and, indeed of all victim groups."

Landau was, from 1981-89, educational director of the Spiro Institute for the Study of Jewish History and Culture, based at Westfield College, London. More recently, he was a founding director of the British Holocaust Education Project. He has lectured widely in the United States, former Soviet Union and Israel.



Dark memories: Nazis are forced to bury victims after Allied troops liberated Belsen concentration camp

After ten years grappling with the ideas and approaches of numerous educationists, historians, psychologists and writers from many countries. Landau has written a book which approaches the subject and its lessons within several important different contexts. These include Jewish history. modern German history, "genocide" during both the 19th and 20th centuries, and

udice and racism. The fact that Landau had to find an academic rather than an educational publisher for his project did not surprise "Educational publishers

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insisted on knowing exactly where my book would be slotted. Was it aimed at sixth formers, teachers or university students? This isn't something you can pigeon hole. It crosses many subject boundaries."

Teachers must try to reconcile the intimidating demands of the subject content with the changing experience, awareness, and values of the students and, inescapably, those of the society and times in which they live, Landau says.

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UN attacks economic radicals in East Europe

■ Economists who have long studied former socialist economies argue that their governments must build a legal and financial infrastructure to make capitalism work

By Wolfgang Münchau

RADICAL economic reform policies, as pursued by Russia and some other eastern European countries, have come in for sharp criticism from the United Nation's Economic Commission for Europe.

The commission, one of the few institutions to have correctly forecast the extent of the slump in the region, blamed the collapse in eastern European trade and the effects of macroeconomic stabilisation policies for some of the present

But in its Economic Bulletin for Europe, the commission also highlights dangers in economic radicalism, saying reform is in danger of being derailed if eastern Europe's economic reformers fail to take account of political realities, which favour a more gradualist approach. This implicitly criticises policies such as those pursued by Vaciav Klaus, the Czech prime minister, and Yegor Gaidar, acting Russian prime minister.

In a little disguised refer-ence to some of the academicians in charge of eastern European economic policies, the report stated: "Market behaviour is not a text book optimisation procedure which can be quickly learned but the result of a long process of learning-by-doing, of learning to cope with a variety of confusing market signals, with risk and uncertainty. ... government must play a key role in the construction of institutions and in settling the

formal rules of competitive

CUTS in interest rates since

September have brought ten-

tative signs of some recovery in

Infolink, the credit informa-

tion analyst, reports a sharp

rise in enquiries about loans

for new cars in October. There

was also a 0.7 per cent rise in

demand for credit, the first

year-on-year rise for more

than two years, and an im-

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in enquiries in the retail sector.

Brian Bailey, Infolink chair-

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behaviour." The report stresses the importance of "a detailed infrastructure of specialised legal and financial institutions, regulations and regulatory authorities" as a prerequisite to a free market

This year, the report notes, east European GNP will have fallen by 10 per cent and industrial production by 15 per cent. It adds: "The popular enthusiasm for a new order that accompanied the political revolutions of 1989 has, in many parts of the region, given way to disappointment and anxiety.

The commission said that "discontent can now quickly find political expression". This is a reference to, among others, a recent poll in Lithuania, where the reformed communist party won the majority of parliamentary seats. The commission sees a pattern in the economic reform politics throughout Eastern Europe, whereby initial political enthusiasm for radicalism is being replaced by a more gradualist process. The bulletin notes that Czechoslavakia, Hungary and Poland have made the greatest progress, but even there, reform is being hin-dered by social instability and political uncertainty.

The two main recommendations of the report are that more effective co-ordination of the various western financial assistance schemes is needed and that success of reform requires improved access to

Rates boost recovery

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT However, sources close to man, said: "It is hoped that him insist he would stay whatever the outcome, althis rise in enquiries in our October figures will be translated into a corresponding incrase in new credit advanced in November." Today sees the publication

of the government's latest figures for consumer credit. In September, consumers paid back £60 million. Credit age them to vote. To win, he outstanding is expected to have dropped by between £25 needs 75 per cent of shares million and £40 million in voted as well as a simple majority among shareholders



Pushing ahead: Alan Sugar, of Amstrad, who is meeting mounting opposition

voting. About a third of

Amstrad's 31,000 sharehold-

ers have sent in their votes.

So far, 32.8 million shares are

said to have been cast against, with 34.1 million in favour.

Proxies filed up until the end of last week show 5,511 are against, with 3,932 in favour.

Gideon Fiegel, of the Amstrad Shareholders' Club,

has lodged proxies for up to 1.5 million shares. He said:

My very substantial mailbag

indicates that the majority of

shareholders who put their

faith in Mr Sugar and bought

when shares were high are due to lose large sums of

money if they are compelled to sell to Mr Sugar now.

Whereas, if the offer does not

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Embattled Sugar ponders options

By Philip Pangalos

SPECULATION has intensified that Alan Sugar, the founder of Amstrad, may sell or substantially reduce his stake in the consumer electronics group if, as appears increasingly likely, he is de-feated this week in his bid to take the company private. He has met mounting

shareholder resistance to his plan to buy the 65 per cent of Amstrad shares he does not already own, at 30p a share, and a growing number of institutional investors are expected to oppose the offer.

Mr Sugar said that if he is defeated at Thursday's share-holders' meeting he will have to start worrying about him-celf. That has accompted sugself. That has prompted suggestions that he might sell, or substantially reduce, his remaining shares if the bid fails.

though they did not deny that he may reduce his stake. An opponent of Mr Sugar's plan suggested buyers, including an interested party from the Far East, were in the wings. A polling firm hired by Mr Sugar telephoned shareholders at the weekend to encour-

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aged for the shareholder." Comment, Letters, page 34

Coal town suffers second blow

By Jon Ashworth

DOZENS of families in the Nottinghamshire coal mining town of Bilsthorpe are waiting to learn whether Christmas will be bleaker than they feared after receivers moved in at Guy Warwick, one of the UK's largest trouser makers.

Touche Ross, the receiver, is trying to find a buyer for the company, which has a factory in Bilsthorpe and supplies C&A and Top Shop, among others. A dearth of orders during recession is blamed for Guy Warwick's plight.

Bilsthorpe is one of the pits earmarked for possible closure by British Coal and many of the miners' wives work for Guy Warwick Guy Warwick had an annu-

al turnover of £4.5 million with 242 employees in Blistnorpe, Blidworth. Walesby and Newark. The factory in Bilsthorpe has 111 workers. Miles Burger, managing director, said short-time working was already in force. "Because the company owes so much to the bank and other creditors, we believe we cannot survive in such difficult circumstances," he added.

Touche Ross hopes the firstclass nature of the equipment and goodwill of the employees will attract potential buyers.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Flat first half likely for Scottish & Newcastle

SCOTTISH & Newcastle. the brewing to leisure group, will probably report a flat first-half performance, as depressed beer markets and the recession's northward drift take their toll.

S&N, which is headed by

Sir Alick Rankin, the outgoing chairman, and whose beer brands include McEwan's Lager, Newcastle Brown and Theakston Bitter, will have seen depressed beer markets and restricted consumer spending as the reces-sionary chill is felt in the North. Increased competition from the likes of Bass will not have helped matters.

The Center Parcs holiday operation may have suffered over the summer, but was more resilient at other times and should have done well, boosted by high occupancy rates, although these may come under pressure as the recession squeezes other Europeans.

Interim pre-tax profits are forecast to dip to £112.5 million, clean of an estimated E3 million property profits, compared with £113 million before a £3 million property gain last time, according to Andrew Clifton at Smith New Court. Market forecasts range from £110 million to £115 million.

Final pre-tax profits at Airtours, the tour operator, are expected to rise to £35 million (£27.5 million), according to BZW. Forecasts range from £32 million to £36 million.

South Wales Electricity will continue the electricity companies' interim reporting season. UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in first-half pretax profits of £26 million (£20.7 million). An interim dividend of 6.4p (5.8p) is predicted.

Kleinwort Benson expects final pre-tax profits at Westland Group, the Yeovil-based helicopter maker, to climb to helicopter maker, to climb to £26 million (£23.7 million). Interims: Acat, Compoo Holdings, Cranswick, In Shops, Monis Ashby, Rolle & Nolan, Scottler & Newcastle, South Wales Electricity, Total Systems, Wellman. Finals: Airburs, Faber Prest, Radio Clyde Holdings, Tunstall Group, Westland Group. Economic statistics: Credit business (October).

TOMORROW

Carlton Communications, which is leading a consortium bidding to take over ITN, is expected to report pre-tax profits ahead to £100 million 1588.8 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from £100 million to £103 million.

Siebe, the engineering group, is expected to an-

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Pilkington: drop expected

Stephens: succession

nounce a healthy increase in

first-half profits, although

some analysts will be more

interested in any signs about

Siebe's bid intentions, with

APV mentioned as a possible

target. There are also hopes that Barrie Stephens, 64, chairman and chief execu-tive, will say more about his

successor. In September, Al-

len Yurko, 41, an American,

was made managing director

and heir apparent to the chief

executive, but it is not known

who will be new chairman.

Interim pre-tax profits are

expected to advance 10 per

cent to £82.5 million, accord-

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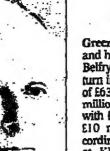
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Greenalls, the public house and hotel group that owns the Belfry golf club, is expected to turn in full-year pre-tax profits of £63.2 million, including £6

million of property, compared with £54.1 million, including £10 million of property, according to David Thompson at Kleinwort Benson. Forecasts range from £58 million to £65 million.

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THURSDAY

Pilkington, the glass maker led by Sir Antony Pilkington. expected to unveil a shump in profits as depressed conditions in the automotive and construction industries take their toll. Mark Hake at Nikko, the Japanese securities house, expects interim pre-tax profits to dive to £15 million (£50.6 million), with a reduced dividend of 2p (2.93p) predict-ed. Market forecasts range from £15 million to £25

Julie Ramshaw at Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, expects Great Universal Stores, the mail order to property group, to turn in interim pre-tax profits of £187 million (£182.5 million), excluding property gains. Market forecasts range from £186 million to £196 million. Final profits at Compas

Group, the catering and healthcare group, are expected to rise to between £35 million and £37 million, against £32 million last time.

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WORD WATCHING

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(c) The effect whereby a body moving relative to a rotating frame of reference is accelerated in that frame in a direction perpendicular both to its direction of motion and to the axis of rotation of the frame, compan for G. G. Coriolis (1792-1843), the French engineer and

(c) The paper-making machine invented by the Fourdinier brothers in the 19th century, and also the wire cloth used for draining the pulp in the machine: "It is this shaking movement, though it is very trifling, which makes the Fourdinier paper superior to that made on a

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(c) A chlorise, chemically similar to clinochlore but containing less silicon: "Although it seems hardly permissible to add a new name to the 40 or 50 now found under the chlorite group, yet the purity of this material, its peculiar chemical composition and the certainty that it will be available in large quantity, perhaps justify the name of Sheridanite, from the county in Wyorking in which it occurs."

(c) A designation of the Milky Way, supposed formerly to have been used as a guide by pilgrims travelling to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

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Goodhart's Law haunts new monetary policy

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NEXT year the government has to sell £1 billion of gilts every week to meet its funding target. This looked difficult enough while there were expectations of further falls in interest rates, but, even worse, last week the markets started to wonder whether base rates had reached a floor. MO, notes and coins in circulation, rose 0.8 per cent in November, after 0.4 and 0.6 per cent increases the previous two months. The six-month annualised rate of growth is now 4 per cent, touching the ceiling of its 0-4 per cent target range.

Goodhart's Law - as soon as you target a variable it will start to misbehave - also seems to be at work on many of the Chancellor's other chosen monetary indicators.

First, the rate of growth of M4 picked up in October. At that stage the authorities were about £9 billion overfunded and because of this Mr Lamont said the pace of gilt sales would be reduced in the remaining months of the financial year. As the overfund unwinds, M4 will accelerate further. Second, retail price data on

Friday should show the head-

line and underlying rates

opaque. It will undoubtedly mention M0 and the general message will be of growing signs that recovery is finally starting. We doubt the Treasury will want to talk about applying the brakes even be-

fore the engine is switched on.

but it is likely to say enough to

make the gilts market pause.

The potential problem of

burgeoning gilt supply was brought home by the poor retime. The next figure will rise, reflecting higher cigarette sult of last week's auction. Bids totalled only £3.15 biland petrol prices, and by early lion against an issue size of £2.5 billion. Certainly there is next year a devaluation of the green pound and the other effects of sterling's fall will push the underlying rate outmore interest - and the likelihood of more agency brokers setting up and new gilt-edged market-makers side the 1-4 per cent target. On Thursday, the govern-ment releases its first Monthemms). Private investors are also showing more aware-ness of the market as building ly Monetary Report, intended society deposit rates drop. However, there is no obligation on Gemms to underwrite auctions and private investors term, we doubt will only buy while gilt yields remain well above those avail-able elsewhere. There is a very

> At another level it is very difficult to see how the flow of funds will add up. Since sterling was forced out of the ERM, foreign investors have been selling gilts and if they continue to stay away, all the funding burden will fall on the private sector. This year, the net savings of the personal sector (including inflows into pension funds and life companies) will total about £55 billion and the public sector will have absorbed

real risk that a gilt auction

will flop.

'UK analysts tak-

about 45 per cent thereof. Next year, on current policy

public sector could need to absorb three-quarters of personal sector savings. However, this might leave the banks and building societies with insufficient finance to fund the hoped-for recovery. In other words, the public sector may "crowd out" the private

The government has several

ing delight in performing a post-mortem on ERM are being presumptuous'

options. It may consider rewriting the funding rule to reduce the burden of gilt sales; the possibility of more foreign currency financing of the PSBR does appear to be under consideration. Another possibility would be to reduce public borrowing. In the near term we doubt the authorities will be willing to tighten fiscal policy, given uncertainty over

that the government will be unpopular enough over the new council tax. However, remember they get two bites at the cherry next year, with a Budget as usual in March and the first unified Budget in December. By the end of 1993, tax increases may be palatable. A third option is to take the necessary steps to attract back overseas investors, but for that the government needs to restore confidence in sterling - not an

At the end of last week, the pound, and in its wake, gilts, benefited from renewed doubts about the ERM, but this will not last. UK analysts who are taking great delight in performing a post-mortem on the ERM are being presumptuous. Far from allowing its demise, the French and Germans plan to harden the core. Britain's splendid isolation will become apparent after this weekend's summit in Edinburgh and the pound will be left looking extremely

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Cadbury tastes better than Sugar

arly voting returns suggest Alan Sugar has failed to convince thousands of fellow Amstrad shareholders that his scheme to buy them out at 30p a share is a good deal. Many object to being offered so much less than the 46p per share asset value recently published in the accounts, much of which was then in cash. Some are unhappy on more emotional grounds. Resistance is not confined to indignant small shareholders. Two big names among the institutions, which control most of the share elicible to be wated at Amstrad's meeting on shares eligible to be voted at Amstrad's meeting on Thursday, have stuck their heads above the parapet.
Andrew Threadgold of Postel will vote its stake of nearly 2 per cent against, partly because he has not had enough independent information on prospects to put his own value on the company and is not prepared to rely on Mr Sugar's altruism.

Amstrad's founder might chuckle at such use of words, but cannot see the difficulty. He wants to take his group private, reckons he knows its worth and that he is offering a fair deal. Were it not for the timing and contradictions, that might be a sensible idea. Mr Sugar never really got used to running a public company and being accountable to the City. He still seems to see Amstrad as his company. He did not relish running Amstrad as it had become, so instead of handing over to someone else, his instinct was to change it to what he wants, offering those tiresome investors "a graceful exit".

Amstrad's boss would also make his exit from the listed company arena, which promises to become even less congenial to an independent-minded venturer as the new thinking embodied in the Cadbury code of corporate governance takes hold. There is no better example of the need for such a code than Amstrad. This was a one-man band if ever there was one. Going public and selling shares to passive investors should be the signal to change all that.

ad a non-executive chairman been installed to complement Mr Sugar, leaving him to the trading, the group would surely have kept a better image in the City and investors would surely have understood it better, even if that made not a jot of difference to the ups and downs of business. In practice, a wider board perspective should have helped avoid mistakes made when Mr Sugar turned Amstrad into something more complex and left it undermanaged. Amstrad might have planned earlier for stiffer competition and the apparent lack of new blockbuster products, which has struck Mr Sugar as a bolt from the blue. It might even have planned to do without its trading genius.

Even if independent non-executive directors had failed miserably to do what they were paid for, as is so often the case, they would at least have been able to play a role in Mr Sugar's attempted buy-in, avoiding the rancour and suspicion from former admirers that now surround him. They would have taken independent advice and tried to evaluate the terms and the other options on behalf of shareholders with

much more objectivity. Sadly, they were not there.

Many institutions, ever eager for the quiet life and lowest risk, may be tempted to draw a line under Amstrad as an incurable relic of the old school. That might give the wrong message. How much better to say no and accept the challenge of making Amstrad a model for the future. Given its brand names and distribution system, good management should be able to make the company worth more than the balance sheet value of its assets. Mr Sugar is a fighter and might well take up that challenge. This may be a lean time for new consumer electronics. Amstrad's formula of spotting exciting new products and tailoring them for a mass market should have a longterm future. If Mr Sugar felt he could not adapt, or would prefer to try again elsewhere, other able folk are lean and hungry enough to fill the gap.

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Damoclean headlines blur truth about the extent of job losses

UNEMPLOYMENT MAY RISE FOR YEARS, AS IN THE PAST,...

Companies announce intended redundancies

to impress shareholders and flatter balance

sheets, writes

Anatole Kaletsky

als are saying with growing assurance that the recession is now over and that statistics hear them out. Yet anybody who reads newspapers or listens to the chairmen of Britain's leading companies will know that the story

they present is very different.
Retail sales and car registrations
may be rising faster in Britain than in
any other industrialised country. The money supply may be expanding, stock prices hitting new records and even house prices finally stabilising. But workers are being sacked in ever-increasing numbers, "with 17,500 job losses announced on Thursday alone", as the Financial Times noted at the weekend. While the scourge of unemployment strikes terror across the land, consumers and housebuyers will not start to spend.

That seems to be the conventional wisdom among businessmen and certainly wrong. This is a time to believe the relatively favourable official statistics, rather than gloomy surveys of confidence and grim

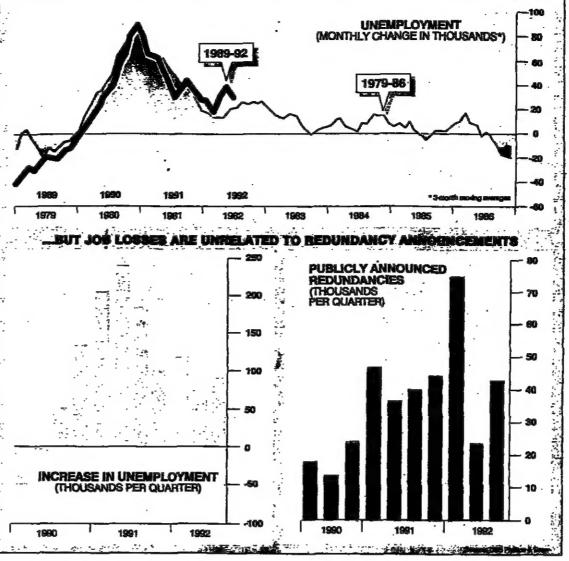
warnings from businessmen.

I do not want to sound Panglossian. The official statistics suggest only a feeble recovery — too weak, for example, to avert the impending bankruptcy of the British government described in this column two weeks ago. But these long-term problems can be put to one side until they turn into financial crises in the usual British way. In the meantime. the country can start to enjoy some modest consumer-led growth.

But what about those bloodcurdling headlines on unemployment? "Post Office to axe 16,000 in new surge of job losses". The Times declared on Friday. How can there be any hope of a consumer-led recovery at a time like this?

As a journalist, it pains me to do it, but as an economist I must reveal the truth: the newspaper headlines can be completely ignored. The first reason is that unemployment always continues to rise for many months after a recession is over. The second is far more interesting: in this recession, company directors are deliberately exaggerating their determination to "axe" thousands of jobs.

Before unemployment can start to fall, its rate of increase must gradually decline towards zero. This is exactly what has been happening since the middle of last year as the top chart shows. Why, then, the widepread impression that the rate of redundancies is growing, that, to quote The Times front page last Friday, "the



wave of redundancies has turned into a flood"? In general, the papers are only reporting what the captains of industry are saying. But these people, at the same time as calling on ministers to "restore confidence", are engaging in a bizarre contest to, publicise and exaggerate their feroc-

ity in destroying jobs.

Take last week's announcement of the 16,000 jobs "axed" by the Post Office. The small print showed these cuts would be implemented over five years, had almost nothing to do with the recession and would be intro-duced "as painlessly as possible", through natural wastage. The Post Office announcement was not an isolated incident. Two weeks earlier, the Royal Bank of Scotland announced 3,500 "job cuts". But these too, were to be spread over five years and achieved by natural wastage. In fact, the reduction in the bank's staff in the year ahead was not likely to be bigger than the fall that had occurred in the past 12 months.

As Terry Smith, the former head of equity research at UBS Phillips & Drew, now working at Collins Stew-art & Co, observes: "In all my years of following the banks, I cannot think of a single case where all the job

reductions they announced have actually taken place." Why then all the sound and fury about job cuts? First, there is the cult of management machismo. In the late 1980s, man-

agers used to brag about "maximising shareholder values". In practice, this meant that companies vie with each other to take on everlarger debts in order to pay out inflated dividends, or make leveraged takeovers and buyouts. Today, "effective management" is considered synonymous with laying off workers. igorous cost-control does, of

course, mean keeping staff numbers on a much tighter rein than in the boom years of the 1980s. But well-managed companies keep staff numbers under constant review. They were introducfaster in the late 1980s than they are today and they have had rolling programmes of rationalisations, workforce reductions or redeployments. The difference is that today they feel the need to shout about them. In part, this is a fad, but there is a more fundamental reason. Managers today are under more pressure from shareholders to deliver results

than in the leverage boom of the

1980s. Announcing redundancies

age that is generally well-received by shareholders," concedes one of Britain's leading consultants on shareholder relations. "It is seen as evidence of strong management and a willingness to take tough decisions. If there are any costs, analysts will tend to discount them as exceptional items, while the benefits go straight through to earnings per share. Sometimes, people come to us who are planning redundancies and ask us whether to make an announcement. From a shareholder relations point of view we will usually recommend it. Even if there is no material financial impact, shareholders will usually see it as positive news."

biggest financial public relations firms goes further: "We have had many cases where redundancies were mentioned at the bottom of a press release and the chairman has insisted they be put right at the top. Especially if dividends are being out, shareholders like to see that managers are sharing the pain with the workforce. In one case, a client of ours an-nounced 2,000 redundancies and

one of his competitors in the same industry rang us up. 'How did X get away with it.' the competitor said. Those 2,000 reduandancies were the same as the ones X announced last year and I will bet he won't get those jobs out this year either. You PR people are doing a great job for X."
But the fashion for accentuating

the negative is not just a matter of PR. More important, according to several investment analysts and shareholder relations advisers, is the impact on a company's reported profits of expressing an intention to fire.

At present, redundancy costs can often be reported as an "extraordinary item" in a company's accounts and does not therefore affect the earnings per share from continuing operations, which is the key to the stock market's judgment on how well a company is doing and how well its dividend is covered. By contrast, the lower staff costs implied by a five-year redundancy programme can be cal-culated by analysts and will tend to improve earnings projections.

between the costs and benefits of redudnancies has always existed, but it has recently been exacerbated by a new, and ironic, development. According to many accountants, the present accounting method, known as Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 6, has been far too lax in allowing companies to present redundancies as extraordinary items. Terry Smith notes: "I know of one major food company that has had redundancy costs as an extraordinary item every year in the last eight years - this is an abuse not only of the accounts, but as a result accountants have agreed to introduce a new, more rigorous approach, known as Financial Reporting Standard 3. Under FRS 3, redundancy costs

can be charged only as they are paid out and must come out of reported profits. But FRS 3 does not come into full effect until June next year. Companies that have not yet switched to FRS 3 are therefore under a strong temptation to announce as many redundancies as possible before then, even if these are unlikely to be implemented for years (if at all). Once FRS 3 is introduced, companies making the switch will have to restate their earnings from 1992 under the new standard. But, as Mr Smith observes, and several other analysis confirm off the record, there is nothing companies like more than revising profits from past years downwards, since this flatters current-year figures.

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I do not know how much of this "axed" jobs will reappear one day as profitable write-backs of redundancy provisions. But I do know the facts presented in the lower chart, kindly compiled by Sarah Lewis of UBS Philips & Drew redundancy an-nouncements bear no relation to the number of jobs actually lost. So next time the newspapers warn you about the Sword of Damocles hanging over your job. turn to another story.

Institutions should replace Amstrad management

From Mr G. Lakmaker

The article headed "Missing the Point" (Comment, December 1) was very helpful. The small Amstrad shareholders have no chance of

put at the EGM on December 10 without the help of the institutions. But who are the

institutions? When looking through the share register, I find out that of the 30 shareholders holding defeating the resolutions to be more than one million shares

there are 17 nominees, four From Mr D. G. C. Webster banks and five trustee companies.

I am given to understand that as an individual I cannot get the names of the owners of the shares. (I am sure Mr Sugar will correct me again if my information is wrong.)
Only the company can demand this disclosure.

This seems to put Mr Sugar and his directors in a very advantageous position, giving them the opportunity to con-vince (or frighten) the

institutions.
The small shareholders do not have the opportunity to make their opinions or suggestions known without the assistance of the press.

It was reported in The Sunday Times (Jeff Randall, November 22): "Few fund managers are delighted by Sugar's proposed terms, but equally, they know the com-pany is worth very little without him." Is this country so poor that we only have one

entrepreneur? While promising to do his best for the company if he is defeated (after all, he owns 34 per cent) Mr Sugar said at the annual meeting: "I became depressed about Amstrad losing its way, and want to exit from a bottomless pit of prob-

Through this letter, I im-plore the institutions to defeat the resolutions and appoint a new, hungry management which still has the incentive to rebuild this well-established company of ours.

Yours faithfully, G. LAKMAKER, 41 Gayton Road, Harrow, Middlesex.

> Letters to The Times Business and Finance section can be sent by fax on 071-782 5112

Talking turkey at Safeway

Sir, I am replying to Mr Cover's letter of December 3 relating to Safeway's current promotion of Christmas turkeys. Safeway is fully committed

to supporting British farmers. Evidence of this can be seen through our work on the Strathchyde Food Project which aims to reduce the £5 billion trade gap of imported food and drink by developing further opportunities for British food producers.

Our current major turkey promotion consists mainly of British birds. We normally carry a small quantity of French poultry as an addition-

al source of supply. However, an source of supply. However, to put this into perspective, last year Safeway sold 376,000 British turkeys and 104,000 French. This year, due to the success of the promotion, we have sold 576,000 British turkeys, 200,000 more than last year, and 149,000

I feel it is also important to point out that our total annual poultry purchases are 96 per cent British and 4 per cent French, including turkeys.

Yours faithfully D. G. C. WEBSTER Deputy Chairman, Argyll Group Plc, 8 Chesterfield Hill,

Why it is right to subsidise small farmers

From Sir Julian Rose

Sir, In European View (December 1), Wolfgang Mün-chau's appraisal of French farmers' opposition to the Gatt round fails to come up with a convincing economic argu-ment for replacing the subsi-dised "small farmer" with a more market force inspired. unaided agriculture.

Like many commentators, Mr Münchau fails to recognise that it is a flawed conventional wisdom which views economic advancement as detached from social, cultural and environmental advancement. An accurate assessment of the most efficient way to produce food comes up with the surprising fact that the small-scale, skilled, low-tech producer will nearly always show a greater return per hectare than the large-scale, high-tech equivalent. The small-scale producer, more re-

liant upon human input and

the maximisation of local re-newable resources, approach-

es his/her land in a far more detailed and thorough way than the supermarket inspired one man with one tractor on 500 hectares ever can. It is highly unlikely that the world will ever be able to feed itself through forcing the rural workforce off the land and into overcrowded cities hundreds of miles from the point

of food production.
It is high time that we woke up to the imminent demise of our own smaller-scale family farms, currently succumbing at the rate of 10,000 a year to our own government as well as Gatt-style policies, hell bent on "efficient" factory farming, tallored to meet highly centralised mass production policies and the ecologically destabil-ising monoculture cropping patterns that follow in their

Yours faithfully. SIR JULIAN ROSE Hardwick Estate Office,



Rhyming secrets of regulators

FIRST insider trading, now insider rhyming. The publication of the cheeky Poems from the Square Mile has set City cognoscenti guessing who the anonymous scribes might be. Far from being the teenage scribblers many supposed, the two rhymsters — pseudonyms
Gog and Magog — are distinguished City regulators. This
gives added spice to some of
the poems in the book, in particular the last one, which can now be seen as an insight into what the regulators really

They said that regulation, would clean up all the mess; That all that's wrong, just carries on

They'd rather not confess." Gog, we are told, is a lawyer in the futures and options area and Magog a senior invest-ment regulator. They met at regulatory meetings and dis-covered their "common interest. They are not willing to go public, but their secret may be out before much longer.

City jumble

FROM January 1, the newly expanded Hongkong and Shanghai bank will have its headquarters in London, but let us hope its new chief executive, John Bond, will not try to use the bank's Christmas card as a route map. If he does, he is likely to suffer severe disappointment or be extremely lost. The snowy river panorama shows the Monument to the wrong side of St Paul's, the cathedral steps leading down to the river, the Lloyd's build-



ing a stone's throw from the Tower, and the Commercial Union building with its windows intact. There is, however, a bright star over the City to help wise men find their way.

Tense finish

AFTER a nail-biting week-end, merchant bankers should get the nod today as to the government's choice of adviser for the £5 billion BT3 share offer. The job is worth £10 million or more in fees and the Treasury last week finished its "beauty parade" of the 12 candidates. SG Warburg is a strong bet after coming up with the "no underwriting" breakthrough on BT2. Another favourite is the unusual combination of Schroders and Smith New Court — normally SNC would bid with main shareholder NM Rothschild, but the latter is fied up as BT's adviser. The usual crowd, including Kleinwort Benson, also have a chance, while Baring Brothers and Robert Fleming are the outsiders that are believed to have given the government food for thought

The next Danish verdict on Maastricht appears to be a foregone conclusion for oil giant Esso. Its corporate diary for 1993 features a map of Europe on which somebody has thoughtfully shaded in all the countries of the European Community — except for Den-mark. Does Esso really think the Danes are so fed up with the EC that they will pull out entirely? "I don't know anything about it." says a harrassed spokesman. "It's a printer's error."

Seelig's return

WHILE Lord Spens celebrated his Guinness acquittal, former Morgan Grenfell corporate financier Roger Seelig was happily hidden away in the English countryside this weekend. He was able to deny for himself rumours that he had "run off to find himself in India". Seelig suffered a nervous breakdown while defending himself in court during the mit's life in an ashram would not be for him. "I've been round the world on a mixture of business, charity and pleasure and southern India was all three," he says. Indian ventures are a possibility, but "I was rather keen to do something closer to home," Seelig admits. Next year will reveal more. "I'm fit and well and determined to start the new year more actively, one way or

Smiles at the BBC Business Breakfast programme where the first early-bird Christmas card has just arrived. The sender, aptly enough - the

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Stravinsky — Reinventing the
Past (1920-1951). The Ballets.
Richard Alston presents the
First of five programmes. Suite.
Pulcinolia; Pas de deux. Le
Baiser de la Feé (Columbia
SO under the composett. Jeu SO under the composer); Jeu de Cartes (Cleveland SO under the composer) 19.00 Morning Sequence.
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Gerald Moore, piano): Schubert (Fantasia in C. D934: Isaac Stem, violin, Daniel Barenboim, piano): Vaughan Villiams (Fantasia on a theme by Thomas Talks. Academy o St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner), Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor BBC SO under Gunter Wand) 12.00 Vintage Years. The Early
Recordings of Toscanini.
Robert Philip introduces
recordings from the 1920s and
1930s, in which Toscanni rsous, or wheth lostered La conducts the orchestra of La Scala; Mitan, the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York and the BBC Symphony Orchestra

Orchestra 1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtin from St. John's, Smith Square.
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— Andrew Wettinson and
Retin de Souza, violins.
Garfield Jackson, viola, David
Waterman, cello — performs
Baethoven (Quartet in F minor,

6.30 SBC Brenkfast News begins with Business Breakfast until 6.55 when Nicholas Witchell and Tanya Sillem present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and

travel buttens (401 r4020)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (2041200) 9.45 Ross King. Quiz game show (s) (8033194)

10.00 Rewis, regional news and weather (3865200) 10.05 Playdays (r)

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10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. (s). With News (castax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (48931668)

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12.15 Pabble Mill. Among Judi Spiers's guests is singer Dennii Minogue (s) (8749552) 12.55 Regional News and weather (65873910)

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Haylon. (Ceefax) Weather (32216)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (21221668) 1.50 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The questionmaster 8 Henry Kelly (s) (21225484)

2.15 Paradise. Western adventure series (4011718) 3.05 Family

Affairs presented by the mother and daughter team of Gloria Hunriford and Caron Keating. This week, news of the latest resuscitation methods, the importance of immunisation and advice

resuscitation methods, the importance of immunisation and advice on helping children with computers (5877235)

3.35 Cartoons. Two featuring Daffy Duck (5308991) 3.45 Henry's Cat. (r) (6024200) 3.50 Wildbunch. Wildlife series presented by Violet Berlin and Mark Evans (r) (s) (530736) 4.05 Gordon T. Gopher. Puppet series (r) (7454129) 4.15 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) (8267216) 4.20 Watt on Earth. Science fiction comedy thriller (s) (2342946) 4.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates. (Ceefax) (s) (5083571) 4.55 Newsround (5650638) 5.00 Blue Peter. Includes a visit to John Lesies home city of Edinburgh and the latest news of the Blue Peter I Care appeal. (Ceefax) (s) (9018668)

5.36 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (124945). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceafax)

Weather (378)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (858). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (7026)
7.30 Watchdog. News of the latest trick in the multi-million dollar gem

fraud industry (Ceefax) (842)



Flag-waving patriots: the French wartime farceurs (8,00cm)

8.00 'Alio 'Alioi The villagers of Nouvion find that their plans for the Fishmongers' Parade conflict with the Germans' plot to assassinate Hitter. (Ceelax) (s) (9674) 8.30 Get Back. Last in the series of of the Laurence Marks and Maunce

Gren recession comedy starring Ray Winstone, Carol Harrison and Larry Lamb. (Ceetax) (s) (5281)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (1194)

9.30 Panorama: In the Name of Satan? Martin Bashir reports from Sintain and the United States on allegations of satanic and ritual abuse of children (611216)

10.10 Film 92 with Barry Norman. The latest releases reviewed including Home Alone 2 — Lost in New York and Into the West.

There is also a report on how merchandising from films has become big business (s) (523129). Northern treland: 29 Live; Wales: een Ourselve 10.40 Come Dancing, London North and Sheffield compete for a place in

next week's final (s) (841200). Northern Ireland: 10.45 Film 92; Wales: Faces Off 11.15 Farewell, Fab 206. John Pitman takes an affectionate look at Radio Luxembourg, the commercial station which transmits its last broadcast at the end of the year (r), (Ceefax) (253291), Northern Ireland: Come Dancing 11.50 Careering Ahead; Wales: Come Dancing 11.50 Film 92

ing Ahead. A look at the help servicemen and wome receive when returning to civilian life (r) (923113) 12.25am Weather (5989953). Northern Ireland: 12.20-12.40 The Sky at Night: Wales 12:20 Farewell, Fab 208 1:00 Careering Ahead 1:30

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volin); Falla (Intertude, Dance,
La vida brever. Suisse
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Emest Ansermet); Monteverdi
(Sonata sopra Sancta Mana,
Vespers: Selisbury Cathedral
Boys: Choir, Philip Jones
Brass Ensemble and the
Monteverdi Orchestra under
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and David. BBC Symphorty Chorus and Orchestra under Andrew Davis perform Acts 1 and 2 of Carl Nielsen's opera, live from the Scandinsvian arts festival at the Barbican Hall. Sung in Danish. With Ulrik Cold, baritone, as Saul; Kunt West, tenor, as David; Eva Johansson, soprano, as Mikat; and John Mark Ansley, tenor, as Jonathan. 8.40 Rodenck Swanston examines the Old Testament background to the

Testament background to the opera. 9.00 Acis 3 and 4

opera. 9.00 Acts 3 and 4
10.15 Bridget Rilley: Five Dialogues on Art — The Art of the Past, in the first of five programmes, Neil MacGregor, director of the National Gallery, talks to Bridget Riley about what she denves from great paintings at the western traction and the role of cubic collections auch

rine western tradition and the role of public collections such as the National Gallery

10.45 Mbding it, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell

11.30 Bach from Utrecht: Nicholas

Blach from Unecur: Nicrotals Anderson presents the last of four programmes of Bach cantates recorded at the 1991 Unecht Festival, Cantata No 17, Wer Dank opfert, der preiset mich (Bach-Collegium Stockholm under Heinz Heach Concerto in D. minor.

Meyer); Concerto in D minor, BWV 1059 (Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra under Ton

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8.00 Breakfast News (5394736) 8.15 Westminster (5480587) 8.30 Collecting Now (r) (1499674) 8.50 A Week To Remember (D/W)

(5780484)
9.00 Six Scottish Burghs. The architecture of Strling (79571) 9.30 Films The Informer (1935, b/w). The John Ford season continues with this stylish, Oscar-winning drama set in Dublin in 1920 and staming Victor McLaglen as a dim-witted drunkand who dreams of a

new life in the United States. His chance comes - but it means informing on a friend (1266194) 10.55 Film: The Corsican Brothers (1941, b/w) starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr. Alexandre Durnas's adventure following the fortunes of Slamese twins born to a Corsican count and separated after his murder. Directed by Gregory Ratoff (48014945)

12.40 Growing Places. A private garden in Knaresborough, North Yorkshire (r) (11685552) 12.50 No Place Like Home. The problem of troublesome neighbours (r) (1781197) 1.20 Pingu (r) (39082668) 1.25 Johnson and Friends (11600007) 1.35 Another War, Another Peace. Magnus Magnusson looks at the

housing crisis after the second world wer (37655216)

2.00 News' and weather (89369397) followed by Michael Barry's Choice Cuts. Duck recipes (19809262) 2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes (r) (198264). Northern Ireland: The

Westminster Programmes (f) (198284). Northern ireland: The Victorian Krichen Garden 2.45 in the Garden (8087674)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7850194) followed by Songs of Praise from Burgsteinfurt in Germany (f). (Ceefax) (8) (1882007)

3.40 A Week To Remember (b/w). Shown at 8.50am (6014823)

3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6010007)

4.00 Catchword (571) 4.30 Behind the Headlines (a) (755) 5.00 The Comics. Northern comedian Sydney Howard (f) (5804) 5.30 The Living Garden. Dealing with insects (f). (Ceefax) (197)

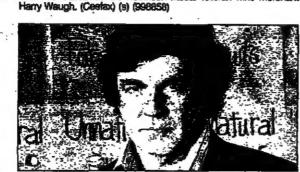
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). (Ceefax) (871262)

6.25 DEF II begins with The Fresh Prince of Bel Air. American comedy series (s) (376281) 6.50 Dance Energy House Party (s) (302668)

7.25 Shakespeare — The Animated Tales: Hamiet.

© CHOICE: Shakespeare's great tragedy presents this Weish-Soviet project with its biggest test so far. Squeezing a four-hour plus play into 30 minutes hardly helps comprehensibility, while even those familiar with the series may have difficulty seeing flesh-and-blood characters presented as cartoons and hearing grand speeches reduced to sound bites. But this still is a serious-minded attempt to do the near-impossible. Leon Garfield's adaptation, or rather precis, skillully distils the main elements, even if the Ophelia story seems to bulk larger than normal (s) (824649) tory seems to bulk larger than normal (s) (824649)

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7.55 Prisoners of Conscience. John McCarthy on people jailed for their beliefs (872571). Followed by Advent Calendar. (Ceefed)
8.00 Doctors To Be: In at the Deep End. Dr Sarah Holdsworth and Dr Will Liddell are terrified by the pressure and responsibility as they experience their first moments on the wards. (Ceefax) (930026) 8.50 Vintners' Tales. Jancis Robinson meets veteran wine merchant



Egotist: Alan Bates as playwright Hamish Partt (9.00pm)

9.00 Unnatural Pursuita

 CHOICE: Simon Gray's two-part drama charts the disintegration of an alcoholic playwright as he possessively follows productions of his latest work in Britain and across the United States. The piece is his latest work in Britain and across the United States. The piece is described as a musical comic fantasy, with interfudes for song and surreal incursions into a mainly realistic narrative. As for the comedy, this is heavily on the sardonic side, presenting a disenchanted view of theatrical politics and linking with typical Gray themes of anxiety and doubt. The playwright is played by a favourite Gray actor, Alan Bates, who perfectly captures the character's egotism and insecurity. Unnatural Pursuits is diverting and accessible but it tends to labour the same points and there are another 90 minutes to come on Wednesday. (Ceefax) (e) (1115) to Newsnight with Peter Snow (665378)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (566378)
11.15 Prisoners of Conscience presented by John McCarthy (912007)
11.20 Edvard Munch. The first of a four-part portrait of the Norwegian artist by Peter Walkins (r) (643910) 12.25am Behind the Heedlines (r) (8972934) 12.55 Weather (8326494)

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6-00 TV-am (5895587) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game show hosted by Alistair Divall (6908194) 9.55 Thames News (9480281) 10.00 The Time... The Place... Discussion programme (9044262)

10.35 This Morning. Family magazine series (25360945) 12.10 Rosie and Jim. Pupper series (r) (6409007) 12.30 TN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (1349200) 1.05 Thames

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 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (8) (135129)

2.15 Snookar. Quarter-final action in the Coalite World Matchplay Snooter. Quarter-final. action in the Coaste world marchplay chambionship from the Dome, Doncaster (7318755)
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(9030074) 4.50 Britt. Chef Eugene McCoy teaches four youngsters to cook up special meals (s) (4605151)
5.10 Famous Faces, Famous Places. The first of a new quiz game presented by William G. Stewert of Filteen to One tame (2606718)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (939484)
16.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (674)
6.30 Thames News (246)
7.00 Wish You Were Here...? A new series begins with Judith Chalmers in southern Spain investigating long-stay holidays: John Carter on an Alaskan cruise; and Floetia Benjamin exploring the perennial delights of Blackpool (Oracle) (s) (2194)

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7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (910)

8.00 Strike It Lucky. Qurz game for couples, presented by the enthusiastic Michael Banymore. (Oracle) (s) (1842)

8.30 World In Action: No One to Turn Two. The second of a two-part report following the fortunes of seven young people in their first year after being released from care (7649)



Whodunit: James Faulkner suffers a fatal dose (9.00pm)

 CHOICE: Julian Symons's Victorian murder mystery comes to the screen in a skilful three-part adaptation by Simon Raven. After a graphic opening, which will give annunition to those who think there is too much unnecessary sex on the screen, the piece settles into a traditional whodunit, with a closed circle of suspects and much discussion about who doctored the fatal dose. Additional pleasure comes from the portrait of an apparently respectable business family, determined to keep its scandals out of the public gaze. The relationships are complicated but once you are clear about who belongs to whom the nametive flows smoothly, helped by a well-picked cast which includes Judy Parfitt, Zoë Wanamaker and Patrick Malahide. Part two is being shown tomorrow and the final episode later in the week. (Oracle) (s) (8303)

10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (54262) 10.30 Themes News

(135736)

10.40 Snooter. The concluding frames of the second quarter-final in the Coelite World Matchplay championship (91358113)

12.30am Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure time guide (65514)

1.30 Sport AM. Highlights of the Gaelic football match between Donegal

and Ulster (29021)

2.30 Film: The Trap (1975) starring Lino Ventura and Ingrid Thulin. Creepy French drama about a woman who lures her former husband to her remote country house on the pretence that she wants to sell the place. But the last thing she wants is to get rid of the past. Directed by Plerre Granier-Deferre (569359)
4.05 Twilight Zone: Our Selene is Dying. A tale of the supernatural

starring Terri Garber as a woman determined to defy death at any cost (r) (48454695) 1.30 Music Special. Herbie Mann in concert (s) (59750)

5.30 ITN Morning News (11069). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (60620) 7.00 The Big Breekfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (6903649) 9.25 Film: Make Mine a Milition (1959, b/w). A short season of Arthur Askey comedies opens with an amiable farce about a down-market detergent and the efforts of the maker (Sid James) to have it plugged on television. Directed by Lance Comfort (8917552) ers at Work. A silent look at the potter's art in Japan (r)

(4598378) 11.30 Credo: The Vatican and Italy. The first of a new series examines the love-hate relationship the flatians have with the Vatican (5397) 12.00 Right to Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (57303) 12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (19200) 1.30 Dr Snuggles.

Animation (r) (90552) 2.00 Film: The Catered Affair (1956, b/w) starring Bette Davis, Debbie Reynolds and Ernest Borgnine. Worthy social comedy about a working class Insh-American mother determined that her daughter will have a grand wedding. Directed by Richard Brooks (838620)

3.40 Copenhagen. A tour round the Danish capital (r) (5131216)
4.00 Spirit of Trees. Dick Warner is in California's White Mountains admiring the world's oldest living trees (r). (Teletext) (939)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (823)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show, hosted by

Gay Byrne (s) (9007)
6.00 My Two Dads. American cornedy (r) (s) (216)
6.30 The Wonder Years. Cornedy series about growing up in 1960s

America (r) (668) 7.00 Charinel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (886378)

7.50 Comment. Faroog Chaudry calls for more confidence in Care

Homes for disadvantaged children (859620) 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside (Teletext) (s) (9484)



Art lover: Kim Walker has a brush with romance (8.30pm)

8.30 Desmond's. Amiable comedy set in a Peckham barber's shop Glona (Kim Walker) falls for an arist, (Teletext) (s) (8991)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Special Treatment. An investigation into allegations of majoractics and abuse at Broadmoor high security

mental hospital (6945) 10.00 A Bit of a Do. Episode six of David Nobbs's seven-part comedy drams starring David Jason and Nicola Pagett (r). (Teletext) (3804)
11.00 Catholics and Sex. The third of the four-part series examines the Church's attitude to marriage and how the ideal of one sexual

partner for life can place an enormous strain on Catholics (35303)

12.00 Film: Who's Afraid of Red Yellow Blue? (1990) starring
Stephanie Philipp and Max Tidof. German drama about an artist's model who exacts revenge on her painter/lover when he dumps her after making a name for himself. English subtities. Directed by Helko Schier (180359). Ends at 1.55

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12.00 Songlines (FM only) (r) 12.30-4.00am Bob Hams (FM only)

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CLASSIC FM

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9.00 Scenes from a Medi (1990): Woody
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inficiatios (2954435)
10.35 Maiediction (1999): A private eye
searches for missing women (2136820)
12.10 am Home is Where the Hart Is
(1967): A 100-year-old bilitorians is lednapped by a roller detry queen (5524311)
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to convince policeman Alen Battes that he is
the devil (393778)
3.35 Klas of the Vamphra (1963): A couple
take a holday in Baweria (8468301)
5.00 A Wild Affair (1965): An office party
gets out of control (86653). Ends at 7.00
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WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMIT. 4.30mm Waveguide 4.40
Travel and Weather 4.45 Programmes in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 6.00
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(Bach-Collegtum Stockholm
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5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
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6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.45
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reports from the BBC archive
on the historical precedent for
the hostilities in Angole (s)
8.58 Weather 9.00 News

9.06 Start of the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and guests (s) 10.00-10.30 News; Questions of Table (FM only): Ciris Kelly hosts the bood and cirisk quez. With Bob Payton, Trane Prince, Malcolm Gluck and Valentine Herris (s) 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) from St Paul's Girls' School, west

London 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only): John Milton's poem (24/41) 10.30 Woman's Hour explores the meening behind the gifts we choose. Incl 11.00 News 11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580-4444. Lines open from 10am 12.00 You and Yours, with Rolsin

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Miller and his American Band of the AEF, who toured Britain before Afficies littlered flight to before Miller's ill-tated flight to Paris on December 15, 1945.

With Ed Bishop (s) (f)
3.30 Conversation Place

• CHOICE: André Deutsch, CHOICE: André Deutsch, who 40 years ago founded the publishing house that bears his name, is probebly unique among publishers in not having feit regret that a plum had sinoped through his fingers. However, he admits to Sue MacGregor that he did turn down highly commercial books. In this connection, the

name of Jeffrey Archer crops up. André Deutsch once turned him down. "That was a mistake", says MacGregor, ambiguously, for it could be either a question or a statement. "No, I don't think so", comes a reply that is just as equivocal (s) 4.00 News
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Brohn, the musical arranger of
Carouset; reviews a new
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NETWORK 2

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articide to penel games. With Willie Rushton, Paul Merton, Graeme Garden and Barry Cryer (f)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 The Food Programme (f)
7.45 The Monday Play: Associate Michele Celeste's drama is set in Halti in 1503. Told in fleethard: by two Christian flashback by two Christian missionaries, it charts the struggle by the island's peace loving queen Anacaona to save her people from the Spanish conquistadors. With Mia Soteriou (s)

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (8) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Karshew (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime:
McSorley's Wonderful Saloon.
Obituary of a Gin Mill. El
Wallach reads the sign of
eight stories from Joseph
Mitchell's collection of New
Yorker and less (s)

11.00 Hancock's Half Hour: The 11.60 Hamcock's Half Hour: The Income Tax Demand, by Alan Simpson and Ray Galton. Starring Tony Hancock, with Sidney Jernes, Bill Kerr and Kerneth Williams (r) 11.30 Today in Partiament 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Options are being discussed if Alan Sugar fails in his offer

Bankers agree waivers on GPA debt deals

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BANKERS to GPA Group, the troubled Irish aircraft leasing group, have agreed a series of waivers on agreements for the company's \$3.5 billion borrowings, to allow the company to continue negotiating a debt rescheduling. GPA is already accepting that the company that would emerge from a deal with the banks would be septiles and loss would be smaller and less

Sources close to the negotiations said the waivers should be completed next week and will free GPA from the requirement to tell the banks at regular intervals that there has been no material adverse change in its operations.

A majority of GPA's 100 banks agreed to the waivers that the company needs to avoid being in breach of its loan covenants. The waivers will cover both GPA's main \$2.1 billion Corporate Credit

kets group has written to WH

Smith, John Menzies UK and

other leading newspaper wholesalers, accusing them of

prejudicing the survival of

independent grocers.
The letter is part of its

campaign to persuade the monopolies commission to

open the newspaper wholesale business to wider competition.

announced an investigation

into newspaper distribution after the Office of Fair Trad-

ing said it was concerned

about the barriers to entry to

retail newspaper sales. Its findings are due to be pub-

In his letter, John Gardner,

managing director of VG, which has been leading the

campaign to allow Britain's

42.000 independent stores to

lished next July.

In August, the commission

VG chief hits out at

paper wholesalers

THE head of VG supermar-kets group has written to WH and competitive market is not

■ The way has been cleared for GPA to negotiate a refinancing. If successful, the dominant aircraft leasing company would be left in a much more modest shape

Facility, the \$1.1 billion Associated Credit Facility and the smaller interim credit facility and Japanese club loan.

GPA's success in gaining co-operation from its banks is the first stage in the complex debt rescheduling being organised

The group wants to defer \$900 million of principal repayments for up to two years because of its inability to raise funds on the capital markets after the withdrawal of its \$800 million share flotation this summer. The company is talking to leading aircraft makers to try to defer or cancel some of the \$5 billion of orders agreed for the next five years. GPA hopes that if those two negotiations are successful, it will be able to return to the capital markets to finance future plane acquisitions.

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uty chairman, who is in charge of the negotiations, said: "All these issues derive from a loss of confidence in the capital markets. Our view is we can come back to the markets with sales of investhave the banks and aircraft manufacturers in place." But GPA's senior executives

Maurice Foley, GPA's dep-

recognise that even if they succeed in all the negotiations, it will be many years before the group is as profitable and fast-growing as it was at the start of GPA's profits will suffer in

future due to the increase interest the banks are demanding on their loans and the removal of discounts the group was able to arrange from aircraft makers. Citibank is one of GPA's

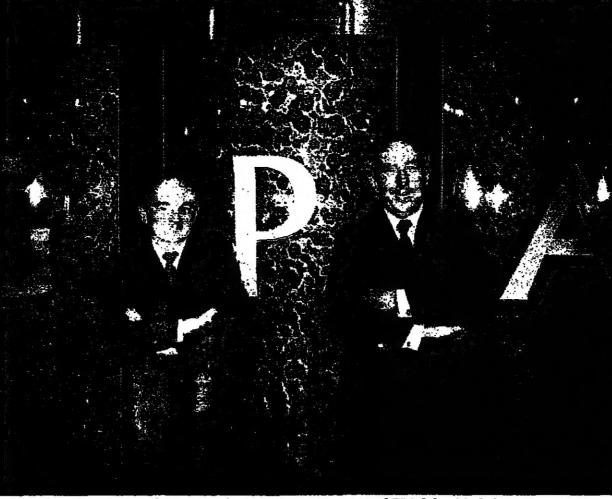
largest creditors and is thought to be owed at least \$200 million. National Westminster has the largest expo-sure among British banks. It has agreed to be the agent bank in the negotiations and will have the responsibility of drawing up the final details and documentation for the proceduling. John Mel. rescheduling. John Mel-bourn, the bank's director in

charge of credit quality, is in charge of the talks.

GPA hopes to complete the talks in the first quarter of next operating: current practices operated by your companies are not in the public interest: and community stores are being predjudiced unfairly by the refusal of your companies year. The banks are being offered generous fees and interest rate margins if they agree to the terms. GPA currently pays only 0.85 per cent above the London interbank offered rate (Libor) on its main feelility. to allow them to sell and deliver newspapers."

Mr Gardner argued that independent grocers have found their business under main facility. threat from newsagents which

If the rescheduling succeeds, the debt repayments "are expanding their stores to become grocers as well as will be made through a new Mr Gardner told the wholefacility called the deferred amount facility, which is exsalers that the argument that areas were already well served pected to carry an interest margin of 2 per cent or more above the interbank rate. was destroyed by recent practices of allowing superstores to enter the newspaper and mag-azine market without creating This will be expensive. These things are always expensive," said one senior figure involved exponential growth in the in the negotiations.



Talking terms with the banks: Maurice Foley, deputy chairman of GPA, left, with chairman Tony Ryan

Swiss Bank plans action on Maxwell loan

SWISS Bank Corporation, which sparked the collapse of Robert Maxwell's business empire a year ago, is planning legal action against prominent City firms to try to recover a £55.8 million loan to a Maxwell company (Neil Bennett writes). The money was lent to Adviser (188) to buy the First Tokyo Index Trust in the summer of 1991.

Swiss Bank is believed to have spent more than E2 million on legal and accountancy fees in the receivership of Adviser (188). This has only confirmed that the shares in the trust were sold by Mr Maxwell to repay other debts in private companies. Recoveries at Robert Maxwell Group and its subsidiaries are not expected to allow Swiss Bank to recover its funds.

Swiss Bank's loan was secured on the shares in the investment trust. When Mr Maxwell secrety sold them, he promised he would repay the loan. The deadline was November 5, the day Mr Maxwell fell from his yacht off the Canary Isles.

Office to investigate the shares' disappearance, prompting the discovery of fraud.

A series of merchant banks and securities houses helped in the administration of the First Tokyo Index Trust and the takeover by Adviser (188). They include Morgan Stanley, the custodian of the trust's shares, Lehman Brothers, which is believed to have taken some of the shares as security on a loan and later sold them, and Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank that handled Adviser (188)'s bid for the trust.

Shrinking 19 number of shops forecast

By MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE number of shops in Britain will fall by 10 per cent during the 1990s as consumer spending continues to concen-trate on the larger stores, Verdict Research, the special-ist consultant, forecasts.

It has analysed the country's excess retail space and con-cluded that for retailers to return to the boom conditions of 1988, each household would have to spend an extra £250 a year. "This is clearly not going to happen. Our retailers will have to learn to live with overcapacity."

The key measure is real sales, that is excluding inflation, per sq ft of shopping space, which will have fallen by almost 1 per cent by the end of this year, the fourth year of decline, to stand 6.5 per cent lower than in the peak year of 1988. A modest recovery is forecast to start in the last quarter of next year, but even by 1996, real sales per sq ft will still be 1.3 per cent below their 1988 peak.

By the end of the 1990s, the expected to just exceed 250,000, which would sug-gest a decline of 26,000 over the decade. The fastest-growing sector in terms of floor space. Verdict believes, will be electricals. Variety stores such as BhS, and Marks and Spencer will grow almost as fast. The losers, it says, will be specialist food shops, TV remal businesses, menswear, foot-wear, furniture, jewellers and

The Space Report, Verdict Research, 112 High Holborn, London WIV 6JS

Brittan may lose his post as competition commissioner

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

his last big showdown as Thomson cash will automati-European commissioner for cally have to be referred to b competition with the French government this month, with Paris set to announce Fr5.4 billion state aid to SGS-Thomson, the ailing Franco-Italian

consumer goods group.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French trade and industry minister, told Le Figaro last week that the aid "will be tied up by December 15". Mean-while, within the commission, speculation is rife that Sir Leon will be moved from his present post in a reshuffle, to be finalised by Jacques Delors, the commission president, on

December 23. Sir Leon's spokesman in-sists that no one in the Brittan camp yet knows whether Sir Leon will hold on to the post, or whether his dream of becoming external relations commissioner will be realised. 'Only Delors knows," he said. But commercial lawyers involved in competition law have been told by commission officials that Sir Leon will definitely move from competition, where he has won few friends in France and Italy,

backers of large public sectors. In June, Sir Leon, gave the green light to an injection of Fr4 billion into Cie des Ma-chines Bull, France's stateowned computer-systems influenced in his decision by IBM's purchase of a 5.7 per cent stake in Bull, and he may seek changes in Thomson's ownership before allowing this second massive state injec-

SIR Leon Brittan could face tion into French industry. The mission competition policy. The Italian government is

expected to contribute £36 million to the aid package, but the majority is to be financed by the state-owned France Telecom and CEA-Industrie, the industrial engineering combine. French state subsidies have become increasingly complex in the past few years, partly to try and slip though commission competition

ICL, the former British owned computer group, lob-bied Sir Leon hard against the Bull aid, and similar tactics are likely this time round from Thomson's competitors. The case will provide a litmus test for the future direction of com-

Little love has been lost between M Strauss-Kahn and Sir Leon over the past year, and Sir Leon's standing in Gallic circles has gained little from his decision last week to clear British Airways' takeover of TAT, the French regional

Thomson has said publicly that it needs the money to help it double its share of the world serniconductor market to 5 per cent. The group's debt is about £750 million. Thomson is also involved in the EC's attempt to develop a highdefinition television system, which could come unstuck in

the new year.

Sir Leon will outline his vision of future competition policy in a speech in Brussels



Showdown with French: Sir Leon Brittan

Branch cuts damage banks

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

closure programmes for the

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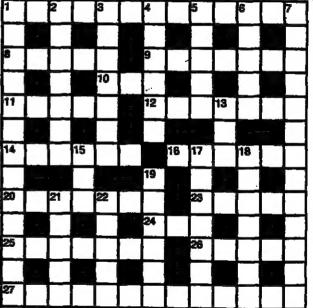
HIGH street banks are inflicting long-term damage on their business by closing hundreds of branches, according to The Boston Consulting Group, the management consultant.

A study, Retail banking-will pruning branches kill the tree?, argues that banks will save 2 per cent of their annual costs by closing 20 per cent of their network. but will lose up to half the customers of each branch closed. Small branches cost about £300,000 a year to

it is now looking for other The group also believes the banks, in their closure ways to reduce costs. programmes, are throwing bank customers still use their branches regularly, visaway valuable opportunities

iting an average of 2.4 times a month. Branch location is to win customers and sell savings products to branch still a significant factor for In the past decade, the total of high street bank branches has fallen 18 per people. Twenty-seven per cent of customers say that they chose their bank for its cent, from a peak of 10,900 convenient location. Meanto 8,900. Most of the banks while, 80 per cent of the have even more ambitious banks' life and pension sales

come from branch leads. The Boston group said that banks should redesign their systems to reduce the costs of running branches. "Branch closure is a red herring. It is more important to re-engineer branches to deliver products and services at lower cost." Simon Farmbrough, the vice-president in charge of the survey,



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By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent

This position is a variation taken from the game Mestel - Gufeld, Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier 1986/87 How did international grandmaster Eduard Gufeld put an end to the struggle? British grandmasters Nunn and Speelman will be among the eight players in the top section at this year's Hastings tournament. Further details from the British Chess Federation on 0424 442500.

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